

December 31, 2023



St. Scholastica Parish

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Welcome to St. Scholastica Parish Office!

Visitors will check in at the front desk, and the staff member on duty will direct all visitors to their meeting room or appointment.

As a gentle reminder please do not come to the parish facilities if you are not feeling well.

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Closed Tuesday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday, Closed Please call the office before you come, as office hours are subject to change.

This Child.

Every parent knows a child is a blessing who is filled with innocence and wonder and grace. Grandparents know this, too, perhaps in renewed and deeper ways. It is their hope that every child will grow strong, be wise, and be favored.

- How will I care for a child today even if not related to me?
- How can I help children be holy?
- How will I be holy because of the blessedness of children?

Our Mission

As a welcoming people, with Jesus as our foundation, we are the Catholic Community of St. Scholastica Parish. Guided by the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures and strengthened by the Eucharist, we humbly and joyfully accept our baptismal call to share our time, talents, and treasures to support and nurture each other and those in need.

Welcome

All those visiting the parish are invited to stop by the "Welcoming Center" in the Breezeway of the Church to pick up information about our parish. Registration forms can be found in this area and once completed can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass. The form can also be downloaded from our web site. If you need any assistance in completing the form, please don't hesitate to contact us at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. We would also be happy to take your information over the phone.

My fellow Stewards—"Stewardship our Way of Life"

- Receive God's gifts gratefully
- Cultivate them responsibly
- Share them lovingly in justice with others
- Return them with increase to the Lord Teach us to be the very building....the people of God.



We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

December 16 & 17, 2023

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Total Envelopes	222
Amount Collected-Envelopes	
Amount Collected-Loose	
Total Amount Collected	\$27,419.51
Total On Line Givers	
Total On Line Gifts	
Total Weekend Stewardship	\$36,646.63
November, 2023	
Outstanding Loan at Diocese	\$243,763

Due to bulletin deadline schedules created by the New Year Holiday, Stewardship information for the week of December 23 & 24 will be included in next week's bulletin.



Online Giving is a great way to help our administrative staff while supporting your church. Signing up is easy—you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website:

www.stscholasticaparish.org and click on the Online Giving logo to get started.

Need help setting up Online Giving? Contact:

Our Sunday Visitor 800-348-2886, ext. 2 or onlinegiving@osv.com

Scan the QR code and you will be taken to our online giving portal at Our Sunday Visitor -OSV. Set up one time or recurring donations for Sunday Offerings (Stewardship) or peruse the site for special collections and set them up too! Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support and generosity!





Your Weekly Message from Fr. Norbert, CR

Whether you realize it or not, today is the last calendar day of the year 2023. Some may react by feeling a sense of relief because this year had been filled with all kinds of difficulties in addition to a fair number of things that we

wanted to do but did not have the opportunity to do them. Others may feel that 2023 whizzed by far too rapidly. Most of us will have to learn to say and write "2024" instead of "2023". A fair number of events that touched our lives will just fade out of memory as we move along in this new year, but there are always some outstanding occurrences that will remain with us. For instance, some people may have retired from their jobs, while others may have begun a whole new lifestyle by embarking upon a career in the work force. There may have been joyful as well as sorrowful events that touched our lives during 2023. Also, many students are already looking forward to the Easter break from school whether they are in elementary school, high school, or college. But before we continue down this path of thinking, allow me to acknowledge the celebration that the Church observes on this final Sunday of 2023. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. When we think of the Holy Family, we look at Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, as a perfect example of what a family should be, but we should not forget that everything was smooth for them. After all Joseph, Mary, and Jesus faced many difficult times in their lives. In the very beginning Mary had the surprise that she would bear a son: not just any son, but one would make a real difference in the world. Joseph too had the challenge of accepting Mary into his home as his wife who was already pregnant. He faced a difficult decision, but trusted in God that the Lord would help him. We imagine Jesus as somebody special, and he is, but he still had to "grow up" and learn as any child. But we as a Church pause to honor the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. The Feast of the Holy Family is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This celebration originated in Canada at the beginning of the nineteenth century and eventually spread through the Church in the 1920's. So, what makes today so important? To understand this, we need to remember history and how we got to this moment. Christ's presentation in the temple is set within the context of fulfilling the promises between God and the chosen people. Across thousands of years, the people wrestled with the promises made to them by God. They waited in expectation as to how God would fulfill them. And so, in faith they waited for the arrival of the Messiah. At long last, he has arrived not as a king, but in a manger, and grows up in a family and eventually focuses people's attention to God's promises. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus help us realize that we are needy, just like all people. We need love. We need people, and most of all we need God. The most wonderful lesson of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family is that God has made his home with us, now and forever. On this final day of 2023 I do want to thank all our volunteers throughout this past year. Many of you have been very faithful in serving the needs of the parish, but is always room for more choir members, ushers, art and environment participants, as well as lectors, servers at mass, and Eucharistic ministers. Thank you and may 2024 be a great year for St. Scholastica Parish.

Fr. Norb, C.R.



Has your credit card information changed? Do you have a new expiration date? Be sure to update information for all of your automatic payments, including Online Giving!!!!



Monday, January 1 9 am Mass

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Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child and thank you for taking the first step with your child on a life-long journey of faith. In preparation for this very joyous celebration you are required to take part in an on-line Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call Marisa at 630.985.2351x122 or e-mail mtrevino@stscholasticaparish.org for more information and to sign up for the course. Baptisms can only be scheduled after completion of the baptismal course.

Arranging a Funeral

Arrangements for a Funeral Mass are made through the Funeral Home you choose. The Funeral Home will contact the Parish Administration Center to schedule the Mass. If arrangements will not be made through a funeral home, please contact the Parish Administration Center at 630.985.2351x122 for assistance. More information can be found on the Parish Web Site: www.stscholasticaparish.org

We Pray for Our Deceased and Their Families

Burtolo Perez Glenn Clark

Husband of Lynn Filla-Clark Father of Jennifer Clark, Matthew Clark (Carly Lilja), and Katie Clark Grandfather of Avalyn Lilja-Clark

CANCER IS LIMITED....

It cannot cripple love, It cannot shatter hope,
It cannot corrode faith, It cannot eat away peace,
It cannot destroy confidence, It cannot shut out memories,
It cannot silence courage, It cannot invade the soul,
It cannot reduce eternal life, It cannot quench the spirit,
It cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

St. Peregrine

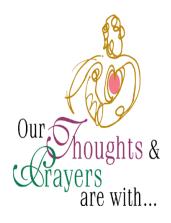


Pray for Us

Please Pray for Our Friends and Family Battling Cancer

To request to be added or removed from the cancer list, please contact the office at 630.985.2351, ext.122. In order to keep the list up to date, names will be removed automatically after six months.

Richard Buban, Heather McMillen, Carol Knott, Nora Sanstad, Jerry Munley, Mary Joy Germo, Deb Sharbak, Marlene Talaski, Sonja Rudny, Celeste Aguzino, Marilyn Ayersman, Jack Nagle, Sandra Woodring, Clem Campbell, Judy Retterer



Eleanor De Pirro
Lynn Hope
Jim Wagner
John Reilly
Fiorella Hufnal
Lynn Love
Rodolfo Arana
Carmella Markett
Alexander Napierkowski
Lou Kammer

If you or a member of your immediate family are in need of prayer, please contact the Parish Office at 985-2351, ext. 122, and we will place the name in the bulletin. Names will remain in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless you call to have prayers extended.

Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for marriage involves special instruction for the couple. Notification to the Parish Administration Center is required at least 6 months in advance. Please call Sue at the Parish Administration Center, 985-2351, ext. 124, for more information.

Continue to Pray for Our Friends and Family who are in Active Duty in the Military.

If you would like loved ones who are on active duty in the military to be included on the bulletin board in the Breezeway, drop pictures off in the Parish Office.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

SP4 Brian Dilger, Lance Corporal Jaleasia Reed, Captain Joe Chambers, 1st Lt Rachel Schlitter, Corporal Donte Reed, Airman Robert Rouille, VT Claire Gieseke, PVT Michaelangelo Zaucha Fernandez, ET 1 Kim Bellavia, LT Michael Bellavia, Sargent Daron J. Reed, SPC Matthew Aubele, PFC SGT Eric Kuchta, Staff SGT Kyle Gulley, PFC Sebastian Elapumkal, SGT Trent Johnson, SPC Samantha Rapp, PVT Jake Higley, Captain Mark F. Luneburg, PFC Michael Jacobson, EMF-K Karl Gieseke, NSM Larry J. Threadgill, LTC Noel Sioson, Major Brady Sexton, Ensign Randall Jacob Hopkins, Major Kenneth Schlorf, Sergeant Donald J. May, Staff SGT Ryan Gulley, Major David G. Mack, MFN Jesse Kolek

The Tabernacle Candle

"In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 316) If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. The donation is \$10. The candle offering is for one week.





The Tabernacle Candle

is offered this week for:

Deceased Members of the Rudny & Golas Families

By: Jim & Sonja Rudny



Eucharistic Adoration

1st Tuesday of this Month, since the First is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Next date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Time: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ne: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Where: Chapel

You are invited to come spend time in silent prayer with Jesus, present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist will be exposed at 1:00 PM for you to come at your convenience. The time you spend with Jesus is up to you. Closing benediction will be at 5:00 PM.

Would you like to provide a fresh floral arrangement to adorn the sanctuary of our church on a given Sunday? This is a wonderful opportunity to commemorate a special event, i.e. a birth, wedding anniversary, anniversary of a loved one's death, etc. Your name and the occasion will be published in the bulletin. To order your arrangement and secure the date you wish simply contact The parish office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122. Seventy-five dollars will cover the cost and the Art and Environment Committee will take care of the rest!

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday (eve of Sunday)4:30 P.M. Sunday......8 A.M., 10 A.M. and 12 NOON

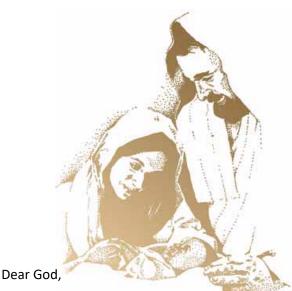
Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ... 8:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

or call the Parish Office to make an appointment

Pulpit Announcements need to be to Lisa Riedl lriedl@stscholasticaparish.org by 9 am the Tuesday before the weekend



We bring before you today all families around the world and we ask that you be close to them so they may imitate your love. Let their commitment to life and to deep relationship edify those within their family and also those who are in community with their family. We pray for those families with young children and those with older ones. We pray for those families whose children have moved out and begun adult life, that through persistent commitment they may remain unified in love, and we also pray for any couples who are not able to have children, that they may experience the graces of family life in whatever way you have prepared for them. We pray for healing in any families facing disunity or division, that your love may reveal the way forward in deep reconciliation. Let all marriages bear much fruit and give them what they need to witness to hope and to cultivate communities of love around them.

Social Concerns & Service Programs

Important Phone Numbers

Confidential Emergency Financial Assistance

630.985.2351x3

West Suburban Community Pantry (food assistance)

630.512.9921

	030.312.9921
For Sick, Homebound and Hospital Visits.	
630.985.2351x122	
Birthright (Crisis Pregnancy)	630.355.9888
Catholic Charities (Crisis Pregnancy)	630.495.9850
Domestic Violence Hotline	630.469.5650
Hope's Front Door	630.322.9803
F.I.S.H. Food Pantry & Clothes Closet	630.964.7776



Too many 2024 calendars coming your way?

Roger's Writers is collecting 2024 Calendars as well as Christmas cards and the other cards that you have so generously donated. Any size or shape of calendar is welcomed. We have connected with another Pen Pal Group that sends out thousands of calendars to institutions each year.

Thank You!

Shawn Denning ~ sdenning@stscholasticaparish.org



Just a Reminder:

If you or anyone that you know is experiencing a situation where Immediate Prayers is desired, please contact Beverly Murphy at

murphy807@aol.com with the words Prayer Request in the subject area. Your request will

immediately be sent to those of the parish who have volunteered to be part of this ministry.

If anyone feels led to become a link in this immediate Prayer Chain, please contact Beverly at the above email address with Prayer Request in the subject line. We currently have fifteen links in our chain, and additional links are always welcome.

The parish office personnel will still need to be contacted at 630.985.2351x122 if you wish for the request to appear in the weekly bulletin.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EDUCATION COMMISSION BY COMING TO HOSPITALITY THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 6 & 7 AFTER ALL MASSES

All are welcome to join your fellow parishioners
In the gym!
If you have any questions, please contact
Marlene Clark at 224-531-2622



TACKLE HUNGER!

In the spirit of Super Bowl LVIII, the students of St. Scholastica School invite you to join them in a "Souper Bowl" collection of hearty, meal-making soups.

Soup will be collected throughout the month of January.

Our goal is 1,000 cans of soup!

Please leave soup in the box near the gym door, or bring to the school or parish office.

THANK YOU!.

Soup will be donated to the West Suburban Community Pantry, to feed our neighbors in need in DuPage and Will Counties.

Sponsored by St. Scholastica Christian Outreach





connect-grow-serve

To help celebrate our parish, we will be hosting Ministry Fairs on each of the Hospitality Sundays. Our parish has five Commissions, each to coordinate activities and organizations around a central theme. Our commissions are: Christian Service, Education, Worship, Administration, and Parish Life. January's focus will be the Christian Education Commission. Plan to stop in the gym after any Mass January 6-7 to learn more. See where you fit in The Puzzle!

Baptismal Preparation

The Parish utilizes on on-line preparation program. Volunteers assist with the Baptismal ceremony to make the Baptism day a very special one for each family. Contact: Marisa Trevino at 630.985.2351 ext. 122.

Marriage Preparation FOCCUS

Married couples meet with engaged couples to review and discuss the results of the FOCCUS Inventory. Contact: Sue Gosewehr at 630.985.2351 ext. 124.

Religious Education

The purpose of our Religious Education program is to provide a faith development process that includes teachings of the church, scripture, sacrament preparation, and opportunities for prayer for children in grades 1-7. Contact: Chris Hannigan-Wiehn at 630.985.9255 ext. 117.

Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year program beginning in 7th grade. The faith development process includes education, as well as participation in service projects and retreats. Contact: Jennifer Olson at 630.985.9255 ext. 138.

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry Program provides opportunities for students in Junior High and High School to develop their relationship with God and better understand what being a Christian is all about. Contact: Jennifer Olson at 630.985.9255 ext. 138.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process for high school age and adults to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation that includes participation in rituals, attending classes, and scripture study within the context of the Catholic faith community. Sacraments of Initiation include: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Contact: Parish Office at 630.985.2351.

St. Scholastica Parish School

There are a few organizations that are affiliated with the school whose function is to serve the needs of the school and its families. Contact: the school office at 630.985.2515.



How is your Eucharistic Revival going?

Asking again: Have you looked at the website www.eucharisticrevival.org? Question: Do you believe in the true

presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in the Eucharist?

How did you come to this belief? How do you sustain this belief? How do you grow this belief?

I invite you to submit your written reflection on those questions in the next many weeks. You may email me at sdenning@stscholasticaparish.org. You may sign it with your first and last names, or just your first name, or your initials, or "Anonymous." We'd like to flood this column with testimonies of faith. If you have a question, you may submit that as well. I will do my best to have your question answered here or, if you prefer, in private.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the gift of today. As you have loved us, let us now do the same for others. We pray that we may be given the opportunity to be your hands and feet in this world. Even when it is difficult, grant us the grace to pour ourselves out for others, just as you have done for us. May your Holy Spirit give us the strength needed to serve those in our path. Amen.

Challenge 1: Name a specific intention that you will offer up when you receive the Blessed Sacrament/Communion/ Eucharist.

Challenge 2: Choose a Corporal Work of Mercy and a Spiritual Work of Mercy that you can perform this week or soon. You can search "corporal and spiritual works of mercy" on the internet to refresh your memory of exactly what those are.

Challenge 3: If you haven't already done so, find someone to discuss your and their belief in Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament. Also, share the Eucharistic Revival website with this person.

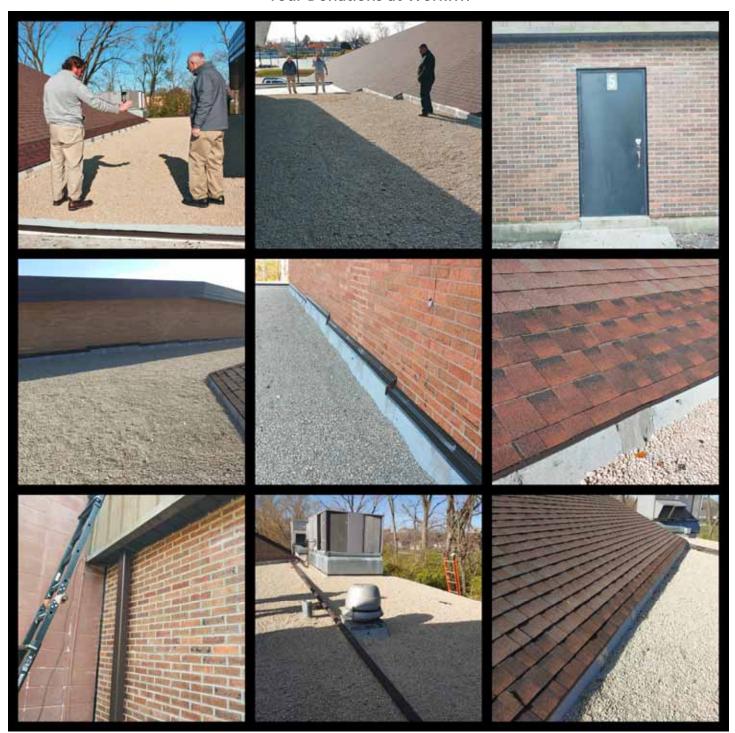
Again, this week, choose a challenge and commit to it. Renew and revive your heart and soul!

We pray: "Reawaken our wonder at Your presence in the Most Holy Eucharist."





Your Donations at Work!!!!



The above photo collage shows an inspection activity just after the roof repair was completed in early November. You can see the gravel on top of the roof, now newly sealed underneath. We also were able to make a few other nearby connecting roof section repairs.

You may remember one of Fr. Norbert's recent Parish bulletin articles in which he wrote about rain leakage problems into the sacristy, adjacent doorway, and

hallway near the restrooms. Those leakages are now fixed with a significant section of roof being replaced. This is the first of a sequence of necessary roof repairs which we will attend to over the coming years. In all we have six additional roof sections that will demand our attention. Thank you to all parishioners for their donations which make such repairs possible!



The Robert P. Connelly Council of the Knights of Columbus wishes to extend our thanks to all parishioners and friends at both Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica Parishes. Your support of our fundraisers and raffles exceeded expectations.

We realize the success would not have been possible without the support of staffs at both parishes. Our thanks!

Finally, our sincere thanks to Fr. Bob Duda (Christ the Servant) and both Fr. Norbert Raszeja and Fr. Ed Howe (St. Scholastica). Our achievements would not have occurred without their full support, which they gave us. May God bless them and all!

Our thanks and we wish you a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives)

Eric Wood **Grand Knight** Council 5918

And the Winner is.....

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate Greg Jablanowski from Christ the Servant, the winner of our recent Bourbon Raffle.











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Monday, January 1st

Happy New Year! Offices and Facilities Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd

1:00 pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel 7:00 pm—Boy Scout Troop 512 Meeting in Activity Center

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 pm—Encuentro Meeting in Room 113

Thursday, January 4th

7:00 pm—Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting in Room 112

Friday, January 5th

10:30 am—J.O.Y. Break Open the Word Gathering in Room 112

12:15 pm—"The Chosen" Viewing and Discussion in Room 112

Saturday, January 6th

7:30 am—Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Collection Bus in Lower Parking Lot

1:00 pm—Hospitality Sunday Set-up in Gym

3:30 pm—Hearty Soup Collection in Breezeway

4:00 pm—Welcoming Committee at Welcome Kiosk

5:30 pm—Hospitality in Gym

5:30 pm—Private Party in Activity Center

Sunday, January 7th

7:30 am—Welcoming Committee at Welcome Kiosk

7:30 am—Hearty Soup Collection in Breezeway

9:00 am—Hospitality Sunday in Gym

9:00 am—Rite of Christian Initiation Session in Room 112

11:00 am—Adult Confirmation Session in Room 112

7:30 pm—S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry Small Group Meetings in Parish Center

For a complete calendar, visit the calendar page on the Parish Web Site at www.stscholasticaparish.org

Please Note Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Publish Date	Copy Due Date	Send to Publisher
January 14	January 4	January 9
January 21	January 11	January 16
January 28	January 18	January 23
February 4	January 25	January 30



† denotes deceased...

Monday, January 1, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Not a Holyday of Obligation this year) New Year Day

World Day of Prayer for Peace

9:00 a.m.—† Eufrocina Navarro—*Reynoso Family*

Tuesday, January 2, Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

8:30 a.m.—† Deceased Members of the Foster Family—*Jim* & Sonja Rudny

† Carole Walther—Mike & Margaret Wagner

† Rosalinda Bancud Bangayan—Apostol Family

† Sharron Matykiewicz—Pat & Nancy Genardo

† Frank De Concils—Maria Referente

1:00-5:00 p.m.—EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN CHAPEL

Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m.—† Rose Prasek—Mary Glavac

† Kenneth Lumb—*Clem & Mary Campbell*Bernadette "Nanna" Bosco—*Stephen Family*John Menear [In Thanks]—*Marlene Clark*† Phyllis O'Connor—*Opas Family*

Thursday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious No Public Mass

First Friday January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m.—† Jim Picek—*Marlene Clark*

First Saturday, January 6, Christmas Weekday Saint André Bessette, Religious

Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 p.m.—† Timothy Schaffer—Judy Schaffer

Sunday, January 7, Epiphany of the Lord Orthodox Christmas

8:00 a.m.—† Antono Zuniga—Isabel Zuniga

10:00 a.m.—† Enrique & Feliciana Sioson—*Family*

12:00 p.m.—Intentions from Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets

The Parish Family of St. Scholastica

2:00 p.m.—BAPTISMS

6:30 p.m.—S.T.O.R.M. EVENING LITURGY

HIDDEN TALENT

No one respects a talent that is concealed.

- Desiderius Erasmus