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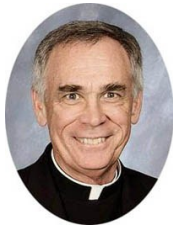
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Editor's note: Welcome to the new version of our parish newsletter! After 15 years it has a name! Thanks to Garrett Kau for suggesting the name for our newsletter. Thanks also go out to the others who submitted suggestions for the name.

Under the new format we will only be producing two newsletters per year—giving staff members more time to write in-depth articles we hope will be of interest and use to all of you!

The two month calendar that used to be included can now be found in the Narthex and the northwest entrance to church. Much of the event advertising that has filled the newsletter in the past will now be found in the bulletin and on our website.



FROM FR. POSTER ...

My dear friends,
I'm writing this on the last day of July and I'm conflicted.

Yesterday (not even the last day of July)

I realized that we were starting Volume IV of the Liturgy of the Hours. (That's the daily prayer regimen that Fr. Tim and I say as part of our priestly vows. You may know it as the Divine Office, the breviary, etc.) In any event, Volume IV of the Liturgy of the Hours has always meant Fall to me.

For cryin' out loud!

It's July!

I don't want anyone—even the Church—telling me it's Fall.

I'm in the denial stage.

It doesn't take me too long to get past that to the rationalizing or bargaining phase.

"Well, maybe golf season is almost over. I'm not playing that well anyway."

Pretty soon it'll be football season (earlier than ever for the T-birds).

I'll be glad when St. Joseph School begins and I can begin meeting some of the younger members of our parish and the staff and faculty.

And, final rationalization, the change of seasons should jolt me into realizing that I've left too many of the boxes I brought strewn around my office and my study. Man! It's already been three weeks. Well, if I haven't unpacked everything, it's not because you haven't made me feel at home. I'm very grateful to all of you who have given me such a warm welcome (and to the rest of you for at least not telling me to buzz off).

Thanks to everyone who has helped me settle in and I ask for your continued prayers that I do God's will as I try to serve his people here at St. Joseph.

-Fr. Jay

FROM FR. RENZ...



As the new associate pastor here at St. Joseph in Baraboo, I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome and for assisting Fr. Jay and I in our first month here. As I said in my introduction homily, I am assigned here and at Camp Gray as their chaplain. Many of you are familiar with Camp Gray, but may not know what a chaplain at such a camp would do. I would like to take this opportunity to describe what it is that I actually do.

First, it is important to know why Camp Gray exists. Their mission statement is as follows: "Camp Gray invites people of all ages to encounter Jesus Christ in all creation, experience a fun and vibrant Catholic community, and be challenged to ever more deeply know, love and serve God and neighbor." The camp is a place for kids to enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and have a lot of fun, but it is more than that. It is a place to leave the busyness of life to encounter Jesus Christ. It is a retreat from the world but a lot more fun than a religious retreat. The kids pick up the faith from their counselors who are all faith-filled vibrant Christians. They get a chance to see young people who love God and the Church and who are not afraid to live their faith in everyday life.

The kids get a chance to hang out with the staff and do all sorts of activities with them. Before bed, the staff lead them in devotions which are meant to slow them down from the busy day to reflect on the things of God. The campers get a chance to ask questions about the faith; even the really tough ones. At the end of the week, the kids are always sad to leave since they had such a great time, and they usually feel a lot closer to God.

My role is first of all to help build up the faith of the staff since they are the ones who have the most influence on the kids. I provide Mass for them almost every day and offer confession, spiritual direction, and am available for a chat. The staff is already well on their faith journey, but I am here to help them continue to grow in their relationship with God both for their own sakes and for the sake of the campers they lead. I am truly amazed at the faith and energy of the staff at camp. They are building me up just as much if not more than I am building them up. This creates the faith-based community for the campers to participate in. The faith of the staff truly is contagious and the kids do catch it.

My second role is to be present to the campers. It is good for them to see that a priest is a normal person (if you consider me normal). I play games, talk with them, sit in on some of the devotions, cook out, and do many of the other activities with them. My favorite game is lightning although I think the kids' favorite is pandaball. I am available to hear confessions on Wednesdays and we have an all camp Mass on Friday.

I have loved my first month as both associate pastor and chaplain at Camp Gray. I like the variety of being able to be a part of the parish on the weekend and then go play for the week at camp. It's sad that camp is coming to an end, but I hope that between the year-round program at camp and school starting at St. Joe's, I will have plenty of opportunity to keep the balance I have established this summer.

In Christ, Fr. Tim

HEALTH MINISTRY

Amy Romberg, RN



I hope everyone has been staying healthy and enjoying the warm summer! As we face the fall, we are aware of the role of education in our lives. Students and teachers are

returning to the classrooms, and many of the educational programs of the church are resuming.

The Bible has a lot to say about our intellect. Intellect refers to the creative use of our mind, where we strive to develop our mind and use it for the glory of God and for the benefit of the human community. Intellectual health starts with recognizing that God is the ultimate source of all knowledge and wisdom... "the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding." (Psalms 111:10).

Our intellect, or how we think, affects all other aspects of our lives, including the physical, emotional, spiritual, social, vocational and environmental dimensions of our being. For instance, self depreciating thoughts can make us sad, give us a stomach ache and contribute to poor work efforts.

But, God has provided us with delicious food for our minds. The Bible encourages us, telling us "wisdom brightens a man's face" (Ecclesiastes 8:1) and "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things" (Philippians 4:8)! It is easy to spend a lot of time thinking about things not worthy of our consideration. As the busy fall season approaches, followed by the just-as-busy Advent season and Christmas, remember to refocus your thoughts on things that are right and excellent!

And, please pray for our teachers, faith formation leaders and for one another, that we may all share our finest intellect with our children this school year, in the name of God! True understanding and godly use of our intellect helps us to be whole and joyful and know purpose in our busy lives!

Finally, remember that, even though we are approaching the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season, there is still plenty of time to get outside for some exercise and FREE Vitamin D from the sun! Getting outside for 15-30 minutes or so each day will help give your body enough Vitamin D - a handy little vitamin that, in addition to other things, helps our bodies absorb calcium better from our food and supplements, thus keeping our bones healthy and preventing osteoporosis. And getting that exercise, fresh air and sunshine can lift our spirits too.

If you have any questions or suggestions for health ministry at St. Joe's, please feel welcome to call Deb Lobaugh, School Nurse, or Amy Romberg, Parish Nurse, at 356-2131! You are in our prayers!

NOTES FROM PASTORAL OUTREACH

Nan Dagnon, Coordinator



Homebound Outreach Q and A 1. Is there a nursing home in the Baraboo area where Mass is celebrated?

Yes, Fr. Jay celebrated the July Mass at St. Clare Meadows in the new chapel there. You may remember Fr. Jay's recent homily regarding Jesus present to us in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in the gathered community. We attempt to make that a reality by gathering the St. Clare Catholic residents every Sunday morning to watch the 10:00 am Mass on TV and receive Holy Communion. Volunteers also gather residents for 10:15 am Word and Communion Services on the Thursdays when Mass is not available. Unlike many nursing homes, the St. Clare Meadows chapel contains a tabernacle housing consecrated hosts. This allows St. Clare Meadows residents, therapy patients and visitors to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at any time.

2. Who qualifies to receive a prayer shawl from St. Joseph Parish?

A shawl/baby blanket/lap robe may be requested at any time when a friend or relative is undergoing medical procedures, illness and recovery, after a loss, during bereavement – whenever someone you know is in need of a physical reminder that they are wrapped in the arms of a loving God. Please contact St. Joseph Parish Office, Nan Dagnon or anyone in the "Wrapped in Prayer" Ministry to request a prayer shawl or lap robe. Those creating the shawls/lap robes are praying for the recipient at the same time. **Your help** is greatly appreciated in identifying persons who might benefit from receiving one.

3. How could I become a St. Joseph volunteer to the homebound?

There are many opportunities to help. If someone in your household is confined to your home and you are comfortable handling the Eucharist, you may request a pyx and prayer card from the sacristy and then take Holy Communion home with you from Mass for as long as that is needed. There is also the parish Anointing Mass where many helpers are needed. The next St. Joseph Anointing Mass is scheduled

on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 2:00 pm. To volunteer for the Anointing Mass or to request more information on other opportunities, please contact Nan Dagnon, 355-2495.

MUSICAL NOTES

Gretchen Roltgen, Music Director

"Sing to the Lord a new song" – Psalm 96



New melodies and new words will bless the entire English-speaking Catholic population as we prepare for the complete implementation of the new *Roman Missal* (previously called *The Sacramentary*). The English translation of the Latin Mass texts, the prayers the entire Catholic world uses, was in need of improvement to bring it closer to the original Latin and closer to expressing what we all believe. After several years of work, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved the richness and beauty of the revised text. We will become part of church history as we pray, sing, and worship on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent (including the Saturday 4:00 Mass).

We will notice changes in some of the prayers of the assembly and in many of the prayers of the priest. The revised Gloria includes the restored litany of praises to God, "We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory". That text, the Holy, and the memorial acclamations have changed enough that new or revised musical settings have been written. A sample of the new Gloria is included on the next page.

In preparation for learning the new Gloria, you are invited to go online and listen to it. We will begin to rehearse it before Mass in a few weeks, in accordance with diocesan guidelines. Shortly thereafter, we will begin to sing it during Mass. In October we will learn the new Holy and acclamations, which have fewer changes.

<http://www.ocp.org/compositions/82747>
<http://www.ocp.org/newmasssettings/newsettings/massofrenewal>

There are additional links on the St. Joseph webpage <http://www.stjosephbaraboo.org/> for additional information.

GLORY TO GOD

Curtis Stephan

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

FAITH FORMATION FOR EVERYONE!

Becky Thompson, Director of Faith Formation

After three years of whole-community catechesis, people are still asking,



“What is GIFT?”

“Who can attend?”

“Why do I have to come with my child/ren?”

“What happens at GIFT?”

I will address these questions and more in this article.

What is GIFT? GIFT stands for Growing in Faith Together. Faith formation is not just for children, but for everyone. Learning about one’s faith and becoming a faith-filled person is a life-long journey. Every year the confirmation candidates are told that confirmation is not graduation but is a sacrament of initiation but for years we never modeled this. Children did not see adults learning about their faith but were dropped off on Wednesday nights fragmenting the family.

About eight years ago a number of us from our parish went to a two day workshop on generations of faith or whole-community catechesis. Leaders in Catholic faith formation recognized the wisdom of the *General Directory for Catechesis* in stating that the community is “a source, *locus*, and means of catechesis. Concretely, the community becomes a visible place of faith-witness” (#158). “Growing in faith is a communal activity and is done for the sake of the community. Each member has truth and insight to share regardless of his or her age, color, or sex. We learn from everyone, not just from those our age” Leif Kehrwald, *Families and Faith*, 2006, p.1). A few years later Kathy Luger, Nan, and I attended a one week course on whole community catechesis, with Fr. Larry’s blessing, to move from children only to the whole parish community learning together.

As we begin our GIFT evenings I have witnessed children learning from adults and adults learning from the children. I have seen relationships being built as families invite our older adults to sit with them, as meals are shared on Saturday evenings, and as learn together.

Who may participate in GIFT? Who must participate in GIFT? Anyone in our parish is invited to attend GIFT but children 1st grade and through Confirmation must attend in preparation to celebrate

the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Those seeking to be confirmed in high school, who have not participate in GIFT are required to attend catch-up sessions in the summer prior to their confirmation journey. Registration is a must so that we can be prepared with material, catechists, and child care. A material fee is charged but as with all programs in our parish, assistance is available.

Why do parents have to attend with their children?

“Parents are the primary educators in the faith” (*General Directory for Catechesis*, #255). I truly believe this statement to be true and want to equip the parents of our parish with the tools to hand the faith to their children. I believe we must raise the bar in our commitment to challenge and support all families in their faith-building efforts. How many times have you picked up your children from school and asked what they learned today only to be told, “Nothing.”? Coming with your child/ren to GIFT you know what they are learning that month and can reinforce the lesson at home.

The United States Catholic Bishops wrote in their 1994 pastoral message to families, “A family is our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world. The early Church expressed this truth by calling the Christian family *a domestic church or church of the home*” (*Follow the Way of Love*).

I know as a family that when we had three children in weekly faith formation Wednesday evenings were a zoo trying to get the elementary child to class after school, pick her up after faith formation, squeeze supper in, then take the middle and high school children to church, and then go out once again to pick the boys up. I especially disliked all this running back and forth in the winter. Instead of dividing families, we are bringing families together one night a month to learn and share their faith.

What happens at GIFT? Most months we gather together, pray, and do an activity related to that night’s theme – this is where the generations learn from one another. Then the children are dismissed to age-appropriate classrooms while the adults stay together in the gym. Five to ten minutes before the end of the session, the children start coming back and we have announcements and a closing prayer. Ideas are given on how to extend the learning at home.

As we look toward the changes in the Roman

Missal this year's theme is *Are Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us?* The disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke's Gospel, didn't recognize Jesus until he broke and blessed the bread. In this story, we see the four movements of the Mass:

1. Coming together
2. Listening to the story and understanding
3. Breaking of the Bread
4. Being sent forth

After Jesus gave them the bread, "their eyes were opened and they recognized them. They said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:31 &31)

It is our hope that through learning more about the Mass we can someday ask one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us?" as we leave Mass.

More Faith Formation....

Heroes of Faith is for children in **3rd-5th grade** to extend their learning about our Catholic faith by learning more about the saints. Heroes of Faith is the first Wednesday of each month in the school gym from 6:00-7:15 beginning September 7. Through games, activities, prayer, and discussion these young people learn about the role models of our faith, the saints. Please consider this for your child/ren for this year!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Dr. Tim Lowe, Principal Emeritus
Denise Brinker, Principal in Training



St. Joseph Parish School has lots of new and exciting things happening for this upcoming school year!

We have added a new computer lab, Accelerated Math Program, and expanded Spanish program.

Something else new this year is that our Christmas Program will be held at the Al Ringling Theatre on Wednesday, December 21st, to allow for a larger audience. Mark your calendars now!

We welcome back our faculty, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Baxter, Miss Koch, Mrs. Jeanty, Miss Skwor, Mrs. Baumgarten, Mrs. Vlcek, Mrs. Grill, Mrs. Szymanski, Mrs. Bushweiler, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Bakke



and we are happy to have Mrs. Hammer back for Phy-Ed. This year Mrs. Brinker will not only be our 4K teacher but also our Principal-in-Training, responsible for all of the day to day operations of our school. Dr. Lowe, Principal Emeritus will be oversee teacher evaluations and complete the WRISA study.

We currently have 127 students enrolled in grades 4K through 5th but we have room for more. Please call the school office if you would like more information about our school.

We would not be able to provide a quality Catholic education without the continued support and prayers of the parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Dan Fitzpatrick, Director of Operations



Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

The fiscal year ended for our Parish community on June 30, 2011. Over all, the Parish performed well financially. Offertory collections fell short of the budgeted amount by approximately \$37,000. However, additional restrictive giving exceeded expectations.

The Parish operating departments performed well in comparison to their budgets.

The expenses were very close to budget.

However, we experienced a great deal of cost **increases passed on** to us from **our vendors** making it difficult on our cash positions during the fiscal year.

Your Finance Council receives and reviews the Parish Financial Statements each month. Detailed financial statements are available for your review at the Parish Office. Please schedule a time with Dan Fitzpatrick if you would like to review the detailed financial statements.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Parish with their time, talent and treasure.

St. Joseph Parish follows the Diocesan timeline which determines the fiscal year as July 1st to June 30th each year.

Editor's Note: Instead of the usual collection of generic clip art this issue includes pictures of the staff members who are writing the articles!
For pictures of our entire staff go to www.stjosephbaraboo.org and click on "Contact us".

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Kathy Siberz, Director of Parish Services



Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) are the voice of the people in a parish and also the eyes and ears of the pastor. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, points out that, by virtue of our baptism we are called to share in Christ's roles as priest,

prophet and king. The laity are in fact, duty bound to cooperate with their pastor for the good of the community by sharing our knowledge and at times, even our opinions on matters that pertain to the Church. That means PPCs are to focus on the spiritual needs of the parish, advise the pastor on what the needs and questions are among the people, to think about and discuss those questions and propose answers.

Parish Pastoral Councils were established after Vatican II. They are not mandatory in a parish unless the bishop declares that each parish is to form a Council. He makes that choice after consulting with his priests. Even when the bishop does not declare them mandatory they are encouraged by the Church. (A Finance Council in each parish is mandatory under Canon Law.) In the Madison Diocese, Parish Pastoral Councils were established in 1968 by Bishop Cletus O'Donnell; our Parish Council started in the Autumn of 1968.

Canon Law (the laws of the Church) calls for the creation of a Pastoral Council in each diocese and the parish version of that Council is to modeled after the laws governing the diocesan Council. Derived from those Church laws and our diocesan guidelines, the Constitution of St. Joseph Pastoral Council gives us the following information:

- The Pastoral Council fosters pastoral activity by helping the Pastor identify pastoral needs in the parish, plan pastoral programs and improve pastoral services. The Council is a partner with the staff in working out the solutions to the needs of the parish.
- Parish Pastoral Councils are advisory in nature. They cannot sign contracts, hire, fire or make decisions that are contrary to the will of the Pastor.
- The Council is a parish in miniature. Ideally, the PPC will reflect the demographics of the parish regarding age, gender and residence location.

Three fourths of the Council are elected by the parish members who have been fully initiated (received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) into the Church. The remaining fourth of the members are appointed by the Pastor. This allows him to even out a Council when certain segments of the population are under-represented. One third of the Council (four members) is up for election each year; members may run for election for only two consecutive terms, then they must remain off the Council for at least a year before running for election again.

- Candidates for election to the PPC must be fully initiated, registered members of the parish. Parish employees are not eligible to serve.
- The PPC makes decisions by consensus rather than by voting, acknowledging that each member will be able to live with and support a decision even though they may not be wholeheartedly in agreement with that decision. Several dioceses recommend consensus over voting because it acknowledges that most issues are not black and white.
- The PPC has commissions which are made up of parish members not on the Council plus at least one Council liaison. We have four commissions: Liturgy, Lifelong Faith Formation, and Social Justice.

To see the process of how the PPC works it is good to look at the creation of our parish's Neighborhood Supper. When the idea was first suggested it was referred to the Social Justice commission. Commission members talked to the couple who suggested the project, asking how it would be funded, who would be invited to attend, when and where it would be held. When the commission was satisfied that this was a worthwhile project it brought the project before the Council with all the information and a recommendation that this project be established. After discussing the matter, the Council agreed and recommended to the Fr. Bakke that the project be started. Two years later an average of 70 people are coming together once a month for fellowship and good food!

To the rest of the parish, the Council members are someone to contact when they have a question. Often, people do not want to bother the pastor or they are afraid of being thought foolish by staff members. (Not true! Parishioners can always come to us with a question!) A more comfortable and sometimes more convenient route is to question a council member

they might know.

In this day and age when the Church faces many struggles – the attraction of mega-churches, a shortage of priests, an aging society that often has less disposable income and less ability to attend Mass to name a few – we need to find ways to keep people engaged in their parishes and knowing they matter and they can have a voice in how things are done. An educated, active parish pastoral council can help achieve a parish's goals.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Under Canon law, parishes are to have a Finance Council to advise the Pastor about finances and investments. Our Finance Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to all parishioners. Current members of the council are: Mark Bostwick, Dan Bullock, Tom Filipiak, Frank Friar, Ann Berres-Olivotti, Bill Campbell, Pat Carignan, Jennifer Fitzpatrick

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council meets on the third Thursday of every month. The evening starts at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to all parishioners. Current members of the council are: Mary Bebber, Mark Lesar, Tom Filipiak, Bob Covoloskie, Rose Lee, Lisa Runnels, Bill Campbell, Craig Skrivseth, Val Thomas and Mary Friesen
The Parish Trustees are: Frank Friar Sarah Connor

BAPTISMS

In the past few months, we have welcomed the following children into the Church through the waters of Baptism:



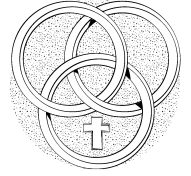
<i>Kendall Paige Kruger</i>	<i>Milo Patrick Scanlan</i>
<i>Connor Reece Opahle</i>	<i>Kennedy Rose Horn</i>
<i>Emerson Paul Calvo</i>	<i>Jace Frederick Janek</i>
<i>Lexi Marie Steffes</i>	<i>Joshua David Hoeben</i>
<i>Mary Elizabeth Hoeben</i>	<i>Victoria Maxine Powell</i>
<i>Adelyn Grace Lange</i>	<i>Damian Gabriel Coakley</i>
<i>Lila Michele Evens</i>	<i>Hjloe Lynn Evens</i>
<i>Henri-Michael James Letendre</i>	
<i>Marigold Ana Hansen</i>	<i>Noah James Bowen</i>
<i>Jude Curtis Ralph Begay</i>	<i>Colin Joseph Maffei</i>
<i>Logan Marcus Bjorklund</i>	<i>Gianna Marie Stuczynski</i>
<i>Jude Nicholas Hagenbucher</i>	<i>Colin Lucian Bebber</i>

Quinn Marie Cassidy

Emmett Joshua Peterson

Marriages

In the past months, the following couples were united in Holy Matrimony here at St. Joseph. Congratulations to:



Daniel Loid Hartley & Sharalyn Renee Hulback
Jacob John Werla & Laura Lynne Vawter
Isaiah Fitzgerald Jones & Heather Aimee Bauer
Robert Wiederhold & Lucinda Flint-Dearborn
Brandon Ross Green & Nicole Anne Cabaj
Bradley Louis Stoddard & Susan Marie Litscher
Steven Ozelis & Mary Louise Wolkowski
Robert Allan Hilby & Stacie Anne Zuloaga
Douglas Robert Rosenthal & Kimberly Jean Larsen
Matthew Todd Vanderpool & Kelly Tomena Goethel
Jason Eric Simonson & Laurie Lynn Bomkamp
Kyle John Opatik & Caitlin Ann Teska

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following parish members who have died since our last newsletter. May God grant them eternal peace.



<i>Dolores Vorndran</i>	<i>Mae Seufzer</i>
<i>Grace Jordan</i>	<i>Leo Merker</i>
<i>Mary Steinhorst</i>	<i>Debra Adler</i>
<i>John V. Faber</i>	<i>Patricia Thompson</i>
<i>Denis A. Brissette</i>	<i>Verne J. Goodenough</i>
<i>Robert Racinowski</i>	<i>Penny Reuter-Young</i>
<i>Mary Bisch</i>	<i>Roland DuPuis</i>
<i>Margaret Miller</i>	

IN *His* NAME, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

Whether it's providing for families in crisis, guiding our children, forming priests and parish leaders, or supporting Catholic education, wonderful things are happening In *His* Name.

TECHNOLOGY SAFETY INQUIRIES

Becky Thompson, Safe Environment Coordinator

As a new year of school begins and more children are using computers, I thought it would be helpful to share with you an article from VIRTUS Protecting God's Children on internet safety by Robert Hugh Farley, M.S.

Regarding technology, what is the best way to protect a child from sexual abuse?

Answer—As electronic technology changes daily, a parent or caring adult must do the following:

- Monitor a child's Internet use at home and on the cell phone consistently.

- Decide on a reasonable amount of time that a young person can spend online each day and be prepared to enforce it.

- Keep the computer in a public area of the house such as a living room or kitchen and never in the child's bedroom (Doing this is not a violation of the child's privacy; it is a safeguarding measure and part of your responsibility as a parent or caring adult).

- Never allow a young person to be online immediately after school, without a parent or caring adult in the house.

Regarding technology, is there anything that we as a family can do to protect our children?

Answer—Every family should establish "family Internet rules." As soon as young people begin to use the Internet on their own, it is a good idea to come up with a list of rules that everyone in the family can all agree upon. These rules should also include whether your children can use or visit social networking sites and specific rules for utilizing them. Immediately establish that the fact that you will monitor the site and its contents. Proactive parenting techniques regarding social networking sites are needed today not only to protect your child or teen against child molesters but other social networking dangers such as online bullying by other children.

Should I allow my daughter or son to join an Internet social networking site?

Answer—Prior to making this decision, you should first educate yourself about the social networking site. Once you have identified the social networking site

that is most popular in your area, you must evaluate the site that your child plans to use and carefully read the privacy policy, code of conduct, and the rules. You should also find out if the site monitors the content that people post on their pages. The recommended age for signing up for most social networking sites is usually 13 and over, although many underage young people still join by simply claiming that they are older. If your children are under the recommended age for these sites, do not let them use the sites. Most importantly, if you have allowed your child or teen to join and create a profile you should periodically review your child's page and their friends' pages for content. In some schools, social status is based upon how many "friends" one has listed on one's profile or home page. It is, therefore, essential that caring adults not only understand how these sites work, but also that they remain actively involved in monitoring how children and teens are using the sites.

What personal information should I allow my son or daughter to post on a social networking site?

Answer—It is always best to restrict the posting of personal information. As a young person creates a profile page, verify that he or she does not use a full name. Only allow the use of a first name or a nickname, but never an inappropriate nickname that would attract the wrong kind of attention by an online predator. Also, do not allow your children to post the full names of their friends on their profile page. In addition, prohibit posting identifiable information in your child's profile such as home address, cell phone number, and date of birth. It is important to be aware that some social networking sites allow members to join public groups that include everyone who goes to a certain school, or claims that they attend the school. Be careful when your children reveal this and other information that could be used to identify them, such as the name of the town they live in, especially if it is a small one.

Should I allow my son or daughter to post a photograph on the Internet?

Answer—Once a photograph is posted on the Internet, it is there forever. One never knows who has viewed the photo or has copied it and sent it to someone else. If a photo is posted it is best to be cautious about details in photographs. It is best to explain to a child that photographs can reveal a lot of personal or private information. Children should be encouraged

not to post photographs of themselves or their friends with clearly identifiable details such as street signs, license plates on cars, the home address numbers, or the name of their school on their clothing.

Question—My children have many online friends that they talk with, is there any danger in that?

Answer—Children and teens should be encouraged to electronically communicate only with friends or people they actually know in person—not the virtual world. Young people are in real danger when they actually meet “Internet friends” who are in fact strangers that they've only communicated with online. As a caring adult, you must remain adamant that children never physically meet anyone in person that they've communicated with only online.

Club News!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Judy Fitch, Regent



THE MORE THINGS CHANGE THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME

As my term for regent for the Daughters of Isabella will come to an end this October, I found myself reflecting on the Rosary, as I write my last parish newsletter.

As our meetings are held the third Monday of the month, our chancellor leads us in Prayer and the Joyful mysteries. I found myself contemplating on how over 2000 years ago and today's lifestyles, that the more things change the more they stay the same.

THE ANNUNCIATION

Over a year ago my granddaughter announced to me that she was going to become a single mother. I was very proud of her for accepting life over Abortion; I thought of Mary's words let it be done to me according to thy will.

NO ROOM AT THE INN

My granddaughter had been living with her mother, and she had some grave concerns about the situation. Since she had no other place to go, I had her come and live with me. In these economic times how

often do our children, grandchildren come to VISIT and end up staying for a time. One week before Maycee Margaret arrived my granddaughter's mother passed away.

AND SHE WRAPPED HER FIRST BORN IN SWADDLING CLOTHES

Image my surprise when my granddaughter brought her first born home from the hospital and she was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

THE PRESENTATION

Baby Jesus was presented to Simeon, an upright and devout man as the Lord had promised before his death. How blessed I am the Lord not only gave me a beautiful granddaughter but a miracle before he calls me home as a great granddaughter.

THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

I now find myself reflecting on the years ahead and how by the age of 12 Maycee will want to become more independent and find her own way in life. Jesus at the age of 12 stayed behind in Jerusalem unknown to his parents to busy himself with his Father's work. However, he returned home with Mary and Joseph and lived under their authority and grew in stature and wisdom.

Our children today also seek their independence by the age of 12, however they do eventually accept our concern and continue to live with us under our rules and grow into adulthood.

So it seems to me as I reflect back on what happened over 2000 years ago in Bethlehem and what is happening in the world today

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME.

IN FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY AND UNITY

Judy

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Barb Stanek-Quinn, President

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is a vibrant, active, spiritual and service oriented group of St Joseph women with connections to similar groups throughout the county, diocese and nation. All women of our Parish are members.

Our theme for this year is "Go Make a Difference", which reflects our desire to help our Parish, communities and the world.

At St Joseph, CCW contributes by providing altar breads, wine and candles, caring for altar linens, contributing for school and religious education needs, gifts for staff, TV Mass, funeral dinners, birthday entertainment in August at St. Clare Meadows, card parties, helping with Parish events and other needs as they arise. We sponsor Gingerbread Bazaar craft and bake sale in November.

We network with similar groups to share ideas and assistance.

We collect for Water for Life and the Donkey project, which helps sustain people in third world countries.

Officers : Barb Stanek Quinn - President
Kathy Koenecke - Vice President
Ruth Stiles - Secretary
Doris Genovese - Treasurer

CCW Calendar 2011-2012

September 12 - Potluck dinner (get to know members and Pastors, finalize fall Deanery meeting plans)

October 11 - Sauk Deanery meeting hosted by St Joseph Parish

November 14 - bake cookies and finalize plans for Gingerbread bazaar

December - Christmas Party to be announced

January - no meeting

February 6 - meeting if needed

March 5 - budget meeting, project to send cards to shut ins

April 14 - Spring Brunch w/ Master Gardener speaker

May 7 - if needed to finalize Parish Festival plans (Bounty of baskets, etc.)

Tentative card party dates - 2/26 and 3/25/12 (Sunday afternoons 1-4 pm with euchre and bridge)

We invite all women in the Parish to attend meetings and take part in projects and events. We would love to have a bigger attendance, as this is a great group!

Please feel free to contact officers with questions, or pick up a brochure in Church or Parish Office. We hope to see you at the September potluck and other meetings!



SCRIP ALLOWS YOU TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PARISH JUST BY DOING YOUR EVERYDAY SHOPPING!

It works by collecting money from corporations like Pizza Hut, Shell Gas, Kwik Trip and many other stores. We buy gift cards from a SCRIP center (who does all the soliciting from national chain stores) at a reduced rate – anywhere from 2% to 20%. Our parishioners buy the gift cards/certificates at face value and redeem them at their favorite participating store at face value. The difference between what the parish pays for the card and the face value of the card is the profit that we get to keep!

And the best part is you never have to buy something you didn't intend to buy anyway!

HOW DO I USE SCRIP?

SCRIP is used just like cash or a debit card.

Many companies use plastic gift cards or debit cards that allow you to retain the balance not used on the card for a future purchase.

Why should I purchase SCRIP?

The profit from the SCRIP program goes to support our School and Religious Formation programs. And educating the children in our faith is everybody's responsibility.

For the fiscal year 2010-2011, the Scrip program produced nearly \$13,000 of profit! That three times what the profit was three years ago and there is great potential for more growth!

If you have children in either program you can designate 1% of your SCRIP purchases to be credited to your tuition payment. Some families have gotten their tuition bill reduced by over \$100! If you do not have children in either program, you can designate your 1% to go to the Tuition Assistance Fund or to the St. Joseph School Endowment Fund. You may also direct your 1% to the family of your choice, helping a grandchild, friend or neighbor reduce their tuition fee.

This past year \$1,844.70 of the total profit was returned to participating families as tuition credit, or given to the Endowment Fund or Tuition Assistance Fund.

Cards are available after Masses on the weekends or at the Parish Office during the week. Special orders received by 9:00 a.m. on Monday are ready for pick up on Thursday.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WE DON'T NEED OUR ROOF REPAIRED—BUT WE DO NEED YOU!

Our parish is not complete without you! If you've been away from Church for awhile now is a great time to return!

Returning is not as scary or intimidating as it may seem. By reading this newsletter, you have already taken a big step in the process of responding to God's call to return to the Catholic Church.

Not sure what to do next? Fully returning to the Church may be helped by talking to Fr. Poster or Fr. Renz and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Simply phone them at the Parish Office, 356-4773, or email them to arrange an appointment, or talk to them during a usual Saturday 9:00 am Confession time in the Reconciliation Room off the south church entry.

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