

**THE WEEK AHEAD****TUESDAY – OCTOBER 14**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church  
 Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building  
 Adult Choir – 6:00 p.m. – Church  
 Maintenance – 6:30 p.m. - rectory

**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 15**

**No** Religious Education – Fall Break

**THURSDAY – OCTOBER 16**

**No** RCIC – Fall Break

**No** RCIA – Fall Break

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18/19**

Baptismal weekend

**PRAYER REQUESTS****Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:**

Pat Buckner, Jeanne Conway, Linda Creamer, Dave Denny, Bernard Fields, Kathryn Firsich, Charlie Greiwe, Cory Hellmich, Paul Huber, Virgil Huff, Aaron McCrary, Sandy McFarland, Ralph Meer, Bob Melcher, Betty Melton, Sue Oathout, Gish Ray, Dick & Blanche Russell, Don & Anna Marie Schwering, Thomas Shazer, Kortney Snyder, Lucille Stewart, Danny Wagner, Esther Wallpe, Dale Wilson, & Levi Wilson.

**Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S. especially for:**

Stephen AmRhein, Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Jonathan Gibson, Paul Hellmich, Adam Herbert, Kipper Hull, Edward Hurt, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Daniel Padgett, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Eric Saylor, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright, & Francis Young.

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

*Respect*  
**LIFE**

**WEBSITE**

www.stmarysgreensburg.com

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

[ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com](mailto:ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com)

**Respect Life Weekend – “Hope and Trust In Life”**

During the month of October (Respect Life Month) we will designate different groups each weekend to help with items for their use. This weekend is:

**Week Three/Items for the Elderly** – Personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soaps, Kleenex, postage stamps. Or any items you feel might be useful.—All items will be taken to Nursing Homes.

Baskets will be at the doorways. Thanks for your support of “Life”.

**Home Ministers to the Sick**

We are currently in the process of updating the list of Ministers taking Communion to the homebound.—If you are one of our ministers going to a relative or friend, (especially on weekends), please call Joan (663-8427). Thank you for your help.

**RCIA Prayer Partners**

Would you consider being a prayer partner for a member of our RCIA class this year? We realize the need for prayer as we travel on this journey of faith. Each member of the class: candidates, sponsors, and team members, will benefit from your prayers. You will also have an option to meet the person you will be praying for at one of our sessions. If you can give your time in this way, please sign up after one of the designated masses. We will have sign-ups again this weekend; there is a sheet posted at four doors in church.

**Adoration Chapel - We need a permanent adorer for: Sunday/12:00 a.m.** Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can take this hour.

The **Living Rosary** will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on October 16 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

**Dessert Dishes**

If you brought a dessert to the picnic and haven't picked up your dish, please pick up at the parish office in the cabinets marked funeral meals.

**Reconciliation**

In the sacrament of reconciliation we celebrate God's love with beautiful words and rituals. We are welcomed and greeted in the name of Jesus and God's family, the church. This greeting reminds us that God is always with us in all we do. As we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember God's love and we bless ourselves as people made in love.

As we listen to the Word of God we hear about God's great love for us. We can recognize our sins and receive courage to change. As a sign of these rites, hearts have placed on our parish patchwork quilt. Each heart has the family name of a child preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation at this time. We ask that these children and their families be kept in your prayers during their preparation time.

The **2008 Balloon Launch Winner** is Jacoby Miller! Jacoby's balloon was found at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, Ohio. It traveled the farthest (258 miles) from St. Mary's parish picnic and was returned before Oct.1st. Jacoby wins \$100! Congratulations.

**NAMI Basics Course (National Alliance on Mental Illness).** If you are the caregiver of a child under 18 who struggles with a serious emotional or mental disorder, the 6-week course is designed for you. Learn from trained parents who have “been there” – illness symptoms, treatment options, and how to advocate for medical and educational services for your child. The course is offered at no charge and will meet on Sundays, October 19<sup>th</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-3:30 p.m., Roberts Park United Methodist Church, 401 N. Delaware St. (at Vermont St.), Indianapolis. The course fills up quickly and are limited in size. To enroll, call voice-mail at 317-767-7653. You will get a response within 24 hours. [www.namindy.org](http://www.namindy.org)

#### Young Adult Ministry Fall Summit - Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008

Young adults of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are invited to come together to celebrate the Eucharist, get to know one another and share in shaping the vision of young adult ministry in your Church. Meet at Our Lady of the Greenwood at 6:00 p.m. for mass. Dinner will follow and then the summit. The evening will adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Young adult refers to 18 (out of high school) to people in their thirties, can be single, married, with or without children. Please attend—you're all welcome as we revitalize this ministry for you!

#### **The Year of St. Paul 2008-2009 – The Beginnings of the Church** **Miletus: The Structure of the Church**

On the way back to Jerusalem, Paul ‘compelled by the Spirit’ (Acts 20:22), summoned the Elders of the Church of Ephesus. He foretold of his upcoming and inevitable imprisonment, persecution and death, as well as, the specific direction of his mission: “Go, I shall send you far away to the Gentiles: (Acts 22:21). He exhorted them to be vigilant, hard workers, and to assist the poor and the weak: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). And finally, he left them as his last will and testament “building up the Church” (1 Cor. 14:12), or, rather, he commended it to the power of the Word saying: “I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up” (Acts 20:32). Thus, the activity of the Word is primary; it creates the Church.

This event concluded with deep emotion: the assembly knelt down and prayed and they threw their arms around Paul (cf. Acts 20:36-37). They all entrusted themselves to God and to His Word. The episode is important for the institutional history of the church. For the Elders or the presbyters, who were summoned by Paul and whom he named pastors and bishops, appointed to give spiritual nourishment and guidance and to keep vigil (this is the meaning of the word bishop) over the people of God, did not receive their powers from the assembly of the faithful, but from the Spirit.

During the course of his “independent” ministry and in the face of some unusual situations, Paul had to adopt some doctrinal innovations in order to justify his continuous appeals to the believers to group together in united communities. Undeniably, Paul succeeded, wherever he went, in creating many Churches, extremely united in order to survive and develop outside the structures tied to the synagogues.

#### **Prayer Basket**

Don't forget to put your prayer requests in the basket in the back of church. Prayer group will pray for each one at each meeting.

#### **Dear Community,**

This weekend I am talking on stewardship. There will be another talk next weekend by a member of the stewardship committee.

The scouts will be at the 9:00 Mass. The 11:00 a.m. Mass will feature the youth of our parish. From 7:30-11:00 One Rose One Life K of C breakfast today. The Confirmation large group will be in the gym tonight at 6:30.

Tuesday, October 14, I will be at the Archdiocesan Business Meeting at St. Agnes in Nashville from 10:00-3:00.

At 4:30, October 14, there will be a meeting of the committee for the new parish plant.

The Greensburg Ministerial Association will meet October 16, at 11:30 in our rectory. This Thursday, October 16, there will be a living rosary at the K of C.

We will have baptisms the weekend of October 18-19. I will be on retreat October 20-24 at Bloomington.

What we wear has much to say about our worship. Jews wear prayer shawls and cover their heads with yarmulkes. Priests and deacons vest for worship. Congregations dress for church, too. Women used to cover their heads in church. Men used to wear ties. Today, the dress code has begun to disintegrate.

The principal teaching of today's Gospel is about invitation and rejection. At the end of the parable, the king discovers a guest who has come to the wedding feast improperly dressed. It was a huge social gaffe to show up without a wedding garment, and it was an insult and an affront to the king. He was bound hand and foot and thrown out of the wedding.

Jesus; parable invites us to consider our own “wedding garments” and ask ourselves if we are respectfully dressed at church. A deeper question is how our lives are dressed in the practice of our faith.

#### **Just for Fun**

- A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, “Now, class, if I stood on my head the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face..” “Yes,” the class said. “Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?” A little fellow shouted, “Cause your feet ain't empty.”

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY – OCTOBER 13****7:15 a.m.** Luella Brockman**TUESDAY – OCTOBER 14****7:15 a.m.** Edith Barringer  
Nick Navarra**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 15****7:15 a.m.** Lucille Wallpe**8:30 a.m.** Edna Zobel**THURSDAY – OCTOBER 16****7:15 a.m.** Dorothy Welage**2:30 p.m.** Dick Louden

Hickory Creek Nursing Home

**FRIDAY – OCTOBER 17****7:15 a.m.** Larry Simons

Pauline Holtkamp

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18/19****4:30 p.m.** Johanna & Theodore Wanstrath**7:00 a.m.** Dennis & Irma Shadday**9:00 a.m.** Nancy Keillor**11:00 a.m.** For all people**SERVERS****WEEKDAY/OCT. 13-17 (Monday-Friday)****7:15 a.m.** Tiffany Springmeyer

Molly Redmon

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18/19****4:30 p.m.** David & Abby Bokelman**7:00 a.m.** Sarah Herbert – Katie Swinford**9:00 a.m.** Wm. Wetering – Cory Zeigler**11:00 a.m.** Samantha/Sabrina McCullough**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18/19****4:30 p.m.** Ed & Brenda Dwenger

Karen Dwiggins – Deb Greiwe

Rita Hellmich – Diane Humpert

**7:00 a.m.** Sheila Kirchhoff – Sally Koors

Carol Ann Nobbe – Mary Ann Luken

Mary Ellen Menkedick – Linda Lubber

**9:00 a.m.** Charles & Linda Greiwe

Bernie &amp; Janet Hagerty

Rose Hellmich – Pat Koors

**11:00 a.m.** Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe

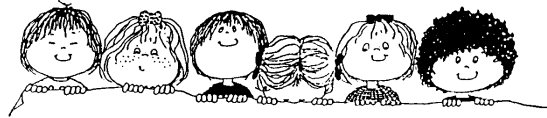
Angie Wessler – Sara Welage

Ernie &amp; Patty Stephens

**LECTORS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18/19****4:30 p.m.** Hugh Miller**7:00 a.m.** Rick Nobbe**9:00 a.m.** Linda Weigel**11:00 a.m.** Brent Muckerheide**SAVE THE DATE! CRHP Day of Renewal #2 –  
October 26, 2008**

We welcome our CRHP brothers and sisters to our second Day of Renewal. We will meet again at the Knights of St. John Hall with registration & hospitality beginning at 9:15 a.m. Our session will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. Please call the parish office to register for the day by October 13. Your phone call will help us plan for food and materials for the day.

Debbie Miller, founder of **Healing Hidden Hurts**, post-abortion ministry will share her testimony and the awesome work of the ministry at a Chili supper on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The evening is sponsored by St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, Indiana and the Knights of Columbus, council 6923. The proceeds will benefit Healing Hidden Hurts ministry. Chili will be served from 5:30 – 7:00 in Willy Hall, and Debbie's presentation will begin at 7:00 pm. Please come and bring your friends to support this important work of mercy! For more information contact Rosie Zatkulak at (317) 843-0515 or [rzatkulak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rzatkulak@sbcglobal.net)

**School Zone - News from Grade 4:**

Yes, it is true!! Rats are visiting in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It is part of our science unit about nutrition. The class is conducting a 4 week animal feeding demonstration with two female laboratory rats. During this 4 week period, the rats are fed identical nutritional and calorie equivalent diets with the exception of the control rat receiving milk and experimental rat receiving a sweetened beverage. The rats' beverages are switched during the last week of the demonstration.

The students become the scientists by charting the growth of the rats. We do this by weighing the rats and measuring the length of their tails. We also observe the behavior of the rats during this time period. The students study the food groups and become familiar with the recommended daily allowances. In addition to the nutrition knowledge gained, the students learn how to make growth charts, are introduced to and work with the metric system, become familiar with the "scientific method" and accept responsibility of the rats' care. The demonstration itself is designed to help educate and emphasize the benefits of a well-balanced 5 food group diet and eating a balanced diet will allow them to grow strong bones, better bodies and grow to their full potential.

This program is provided to us by the American Dairy Association of Indiana and the Dairy and Nutrition Council. If you are involved in the dairy or milk industry, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade says "Thank You!!"

# Youth News

Andi's email: [andmackee44@yahoo.com](mailto:andmackee44@yahoo.com)

**Bible Verse of the Week:** My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:19 (today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

## WEEKLY APOLOGETICS

### Why do I need to confess that? It doesn't hurt anyone but me.

Who do my sins hurt? Who do your sins hurt? Only you? A popular misconception is that our sins hurt only us. It's common for me to hear someone say, "What's the big deal with (blank)? I'm only hurting myself." Ok, I'll say this as lovingly as I can: "That's a crock!" Sin runs deeper than that.

You know, at the beginning of Mass we say, as a community, "I confess to Almighty God, and to you, *my brothers and sisters*, that I have sinned through my own fault." Ever notice that we're admitting wrongdoing not only to God but *also* to the community of believers assembled with us?

Did you know that the sacrament of reconciliation didn't always take place in a safe little confessional box? Oh, no, get this: Everyone in the community would assemble at church, and at an appointed time at the beginning of Mass, one at a time, everyone would shout his or her sins *out loud*, in front of *everyone!* Stop and imagine that. Ya', it scares me, too.

What the people back then realized - that we don't realize now or don't want to admit that we realize - is that sin hurts everyone. When I sin, it doesn't just hurt me; it hurts others, some whom I know about and some whom I don't.

Have you ever sat in the nonsmoking section near the smoking section? Sin can be like secondhand smoke. The sinner might not realize or admit that his or her "smoke" is having an effect on others. Those inhaling the smoke may or may not realize it, but the smoke *does* have an unhealthy effect. You see, once the smoke (sin) is out there, there's no way to control its effects or its harm to other people.

I have had a number of friends who think that if they "smoked out," or drank, or whatever, those decisions and their consequences stopped with them. That's not the case. We are all one body, those who realize it and those who don't. Our actions, good or bad, affect other people. All of our actions.

I took a hard look at my own life recently to see if any of my own "secondhand sin" might be making others' faith walks more difficult. The answer was yes, and I've had to make some tough changes. But by the grace of God and prayers from fellow Christians, like you, I continue to get better.

How about you? Any changes needed?

~ Excerpt from Ask the Bible Geek by: Mark Hart

## Youth Council

Here are your class representatives.

**Seniors:** Aaron Hoeing, Nikki Vanderbur, Sara Welage

**Juniors:** Andrew Dougan, Clark Lecher, Hayley Schwering

**Sophomores:** Alex Fischer, Tony Moorman, Ellen Weigel

**Freshmen:** Jordan Kramer, Mollie Stephens

**Adults:** Ann Colson, Suzanne Horan

\* Next meeting, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

## ★PENNY WAR★

The penny war started up again this past Wednesday. The rules changed a bit this year. Pennies are still a positive point, but silver and paper are worth their value in negative points. We hope to see more lead changes this year, let the excitement begin. Just as last year the results will be posted in the bulletin each week, but will be a week behind.

The Class Challenge in September saw the Junior Class win and the Freshmen come in second...being rewarded with pennies and a head start.

1<sup>st</sup> Juniors ~ 500

4<sup>th</sup> Seniors ~ 0

2<sup>nd</sup> Freshmen ~ 250

5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade ~ 0

3<sup>rd</sup> Sophomores ~ 0

6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> grade ~ 0

## BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

Sun: Kevin Meyer

Mon: Morgan Springmeyer

Tues: Danielle Fox

Wed: Aaron McCrary

Thurs:

Fri:

Sat:

## Penny War T-shirts

Have you lost yours? Have you outgrown it? Are you a 7<sup>th</sup> grader without one? Order forms are in the office basement! Get yours today!

**Immaculate Conception Parish, Millhousen Smorgasbord Dinner**, October 26 from 11:00-2:00 at the Millhousen School. Menu: Turkey and roast beef dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot rolls and butter, corn and green beans, homemade salads, homemade pies, cakes and cookies. Cost: Adults/\$8:00, Children 6-12/\$5.00, Children 5-1/\$2.00 and under 1-free.

The **Batesville Knights of Columbus** will have an all you can eat breakfast on Sunday October 12 serving from 7:00-11:00. The menu will include sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits & gravy, rolls, coffee, and juice. All the proceeds will go to the American Legion Baseball team. Free Will Offering

**New Point Community Volunteer Fire Department** will have a breakfast Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Menu includes: Pancakes, whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy.

There will be a **Special Education Turkey Dinner** on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Knights of St. John hall, S. Wilder St. in Greensburg. Serving will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost: Adults/\$8.00, children/4-10 \$4.00 and 3 & under free. Public invited and carryout available. All proceeds go to benefit Special Education in Greensburg and Decatur County. Dinner sponsored by the Greensburg and Millhousen Knights of St. John.

The **Hamburg Knights of St. John** will sponsor a Trap and Stillboard shoot on Sunday Nov. 2nd, starting at 11 am at the Tri - Township Conservation Club in Oldenburg. Money and meat shoot, shells, food and refreshments are available. Public is welcome.

A **Trap and Still board Shoot** will be held on Sunday October 19th at the Tri - Township Conservation Club in Oldenburg starting at 11 am till 2pm. There will be money and meat shoots. Food and refreshment are available. Sponsored by the Oldenburg Fire Dept. The public is welcome.

**St. Mary of the Rock Parish**, 17440 St. Mary's Rd., is having its annual Turkey Festival on Sunday, October 12. Dinner will be served from 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EDT. Cost: Adults/\$8.00; Children/\$4.00. Carryout dinners are available. There will be raffle tickets, Country Store, games, and more. Fun for all ages. Public invited.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

As new disasters occur due to hurricane season, we ask you to also keep in mind our neighbors in central and southern Indiana who are still dealing with the devastating storms from June 2008. Volunteers and donations are still needed to help homeowners rebuild their homes, especially those with construction skills and materials. For ways to help at home, visit [CatholicCharitiesIndy.org](http://CatholicCharitiesIndy.org) for more info.

**Oldenburg, IN** – Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception invites everyone to join its **Motorcycle Run** on Saturday, October 18. Have a great time and support Catholic education in southeast Indiana! All proceeds support educational programs, expand tuition assistance opportunities for students in need, and enhance campus ministry programs. Registration begins at 11 am at Oldenburg Academy's Twister Circle, with kickstands up at noon. Run stops include Overtime Sports Bar & Grill (Liberty, IN) and Sportsman's Bar (Rushville, IN). At the end of the ride, there will be a party at The Brau Haus on the Lake (Lake Santee in Greensburg, IN) featuring an all you can eat chicken dinner for \$12 per person. Not a motorcyclist? You're still invited to the party following the ride. The cost for the Motorcycle Run is \$15 for the first rider and \$10 for the second. For more information, or to RSVP for the Motorcycle Run and/or the party, contact Barb Hettesheimer at [bhettesheimer@oldenburgacademy.org](mailto:bhettesheimer@oldenburgacademy.org) or 812.933.0737.

**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education. Volunteers are needed to assist with this mission in our Archdiocese. Hours are very flexible. If you can help, please contact Irene Snyder at 317-236-1571 or [isnyder@archindy.org](mailto:isnyder@archindy.org). Thank you.

### **PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE**

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception has an opening for a Part-time Cafeteria Assistant

Hours: 15 hours per week (flexible hours)

Duties: assist with daily preparation of student meals, serving students, and cleaning the kitchen/prep area. If interested, please contact Cafeteria Manager, Becky Wahman at 812.934.2440 ext. 237

## **Vote Your Faith**

As the elections draw near, we as Catholics are called to listen to God's voice as we exercise our privilege and right to vote. The following information is for each individual to investigate for themselves the views of the Catholic Church on the many social issues of our time.

Information is quoted directly from the "*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*", the first official catechism produced by the nation's bishops since the creation of the *Baltimore Catechism*, first produced in 1885 and revised in 1941.

All of the Church's social teaching is rooted in the fundamental principle of the sacredness of human life and the fundamental dignity of every single individual.

Issues to be aware of:

***The Life and Dignity of the Human Person*** - Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

***Call to Family, Community and Participation*** - The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined.

***Rights & Responsibilities*** Every person has a fundamental right to life to those things required for human decency.

***Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*** - A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring.

***The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*** - The economy must serve the people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.

***Solidarity*** - We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.

***Care for the Environment*** - We are called to protect people and the planet. Living our faith in relationship with all's God's creation.

For further information on the Catholic Church's position on social issues you can go to the following:

*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, Chapter 31, The Seventh Commandment; Do not Steal—Act Justly*

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) - website for the United States Conference of Catholic bishops

[www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) - website for the 2007 document by the Catholic Bishops titled "*Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship*"

The Criterion, currently running a ten part series based on the Bishop's 2007 document.

[www.archindy.org/criterion/](http://www.archindy.org/criterion/) - website for the Criterion

## **A Prayer for our Nation as we Prepare to Elect our Leaders**

*For nine weeks, from now until Election Day (November 4), Priests for Life call upon believers to participate in the "Election Novena" by saying the following prayer each day:*

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you. We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law. We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us; to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote and to vote correctly. Lord we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation their response to you requires that they be politically active. Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world, but rather a community of faith renewing the world. Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth. That the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth. Awaken your people to a commitment to justice to the sanctity of marriage and the family. To the dignity of each individual human life and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin and not one moment later. Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom may that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### **Sign up at the *Faithful Citizenship* website and be entered to win an iPod!**

Did you know that the Catholic bishops of the United States have published an election-year statement to help you connect your faith to your decisions as citizens? The statement and dozens of related resources are available at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org). The web site features videos, podcasts, prayers, readings, and much more to prepare you for the elections. You can also sign up to be notified about new, free resources that become available and be registered to win an iPod with Catholic content! Visit the website today to sign up.

### **Adult Faith Formation Survey**

Earlier this summer our Adult Catechetical Team (ACT) asked adults one weekend at masses to fill out a survey. The survey results will be used by ACT to provide continued faith formation to our adults and families. We received great participation. Thank you for taking time to give us your opinions on what will work well for St. Mary's. Listed here are some of those results:

**Family or Home Centered Activities** – most liked the idea of a monthly calendar with ideas for nourishing faith, and of learning about Catholic Internet sites.

**Small Groups** – most would like scripture study or faith-sharing for specific groups.

**Large Groups** – the majority like the idea of having speakers and workshops. Many also like combining pot-luck dinners with these programs.

**Individual Activities** – The top choice is to have materials available for personal prayer and independent study.

While these are the top results, there were many people interested in some other ideas on our survey and we will offer those as well. This survey gives ACT goals to work towards and also affirms much of what we already offer here at St. Mary's Parish. Presently we are having our bible study on St. Paul and his teachings. Currently there is a group meeting on some Wednesday mornings with information geared toward mothers. We also publish websites in our bulletin often, have speakers, missions, retreats, mission trips, and a resource library full of materials for individual prayer and study. We hope to have a parenting workshop soon as well as a Lenten mission. Keep looking for information on these and more in your weekly bulletin.

### **Stewardship/What's the difference between Stewardship and tithing?**

In terms of financial resources, Stewardship invites parishioners to give a percentage of their income that represents their sacrifice to the parish and other charities. Tithing is the biblical notion of giving one-tenth (10%) of our money. Good stewards reflect upon their current level of giving, and consider "Taking-a-Step" to a higher level of giving, if possible. The ultimate goal may be to achieve the biblical tithe, or it could be less or more, depending upon what a person/family has concluded through prayer and reflection. The important thing is to take the first step of faith by putting God first.

### **Special People Religious Education**

Classes are held every other Saturday morning in the Fr. Rudolf room at Oldenburg, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Our first class is October 12.

For further information, please call Mary Carolyn Wintz, 812-934-2114.

### **Give a Gift of Hope to a Caregiver**

A book filled with hope and inspiration for caregivers has just been released. "Upside Down and Back Again: Hope for the Caregiver" is a unique book for caregivers written from a Christian perspective, comprised of practical tips, prayers, bible verses, and inspiration by author Barbara J. Cooper. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns.

For more information or to order your signed copy, you may contact the author through her website: [barbarajcooperbooks.com](http://barbarajcooperbooks.com) or you may send a check in the amount of the sale price \$13.45 to B.J. Cooper-Schonert, P.O. Box 9077, College Station, Texas 77842

### **Archdiocesan CONSUMED Retreat 2008**

Attention All High School Youth! "We have seen the Lord! Come and see!" is the theme for the "CONSUMED" retreat which is an amazing opportunity for you to grow deeper in your faith. This Archdiocesan retreat provides an opportunity for you to come together with hundreds of other young Catholics for prayer and worship in order to draw closer to Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. CONSUMED will begin Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and end on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.; the retreat is at Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church in Greenwood, IN. registration forms can be found on [www.archindy.org/youth](http://www.archindy.org/youth) or contact your Youth Minister. Please call with questions (317) 236-1477 or 1-800-382-9836 ext. 1477 or email [kscoville@archindy.org](mailto:kscoville@archindy.org).

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**Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN 47036 Programs offered at Oldenburg Franciscan Center for 2008**

**Men's Night at the "Burg** - On 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month, **Carl Hawver, OFM** will gather with men to discuss men's spirituality. Fr. Carl will engage the group in sharing their experiences of prayer and seeing God in the everydayness of their lives. Bring a friend! **Dates:** Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm October 13, November 10, December 8. **A free will offering will be appreciated!**

**Evensong/Taizé Music/Silence** - Join us for an interfaith prayer service in the Center's Chapel every second Sunday of the month. **Dates:** October 12th 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. **Free and Open to the Public!**

**Healing the World from the Inside Out - Olga Wittekind, OSF, PhD** will lead the participants in a 3 part series on a discovery of their greatest purpose and challenge in life – becoming all that they can be. **Date:** October 16, November 20, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm including lunch. **Cost:** \$35 for single session

**Join Us at the 'Burg - Patty Campbell, OSF** – Maintaining an Attitude of Gratitude. How can we not be grateful for all the good we have been given by God? **Date:** October 18, 9:00 11:30 am. **Free-will Offering**

For more information or to register for any of the above offerings, please call

**Oldenburg Franciscan Center** at (812) 933-6437 or e-mail [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com)

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### **PARISH RESOURCES**

Children's Books in Parish Office Resource Room – "My First Bible Stories," "Family-Time Bible stories" is a perfect tool to draw children into meaningful family times in God's Word. We also have "The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes."

**Blessed are the Bored in Spirit** is geared toward young adults. Many young adult Catholics are faithful about attending mass, but have not built their relationship with Jesus Christ. Author Mark Hart uses reflections about his faith experiences to point out that God is calling us to more than mindless obedience. Enter into life with our Creator and experience his love.

**"Living Like Francis Today"** by Marci Blum, OSF provides readers a tool to focus their attention on God as they examine their own lifestyles. This book could be used for a small faith sharing group as it provides scripture, reflection questions, prayer, and ideas for Christian living.

"The Our Father" by Joan Mitchell, CSJ is also a reflection process for small groups. The teaches us that God is as intimate and unconditionally loving to us as parents are to their children.

"You Can Change the World" by Fr. James Keller. This book tells in clear, specific terms how one's role in life, though it may be a humble one, can be a vital force in creating a decent world for all of us.

"Celebrating Faith" by Mary Farrell has year round activities for Catholic Families. For each holiday, season, milestone or celebration, family-friendly activities and reflections are provided that parents can use to share their Catholic faith with their young children.

**"Quiet Strength"** by Tony Dungy is now in our parish resource library. Millions of people have been amazed by the success of this quiet, authoritative man and wondered how he gets it done. Tony reveals the secrets to his success, principles, practices, and priorities that have kept him on track despite overwhelming personal and professional obstacles. His thoughts can inspire you to look at the things that really matter in your own life. *Check it out!*

**"Perfectly Yourself; 9 Lessons for Enduring Happiness"** by Matthew Kelly is our newest book by this author to add to our collection. Here he addresses the opportunities and obstacles that we encounter once we decide to ask life's big questions. Focusing on nine powerful and practical lessons, Kelly shows us how to find lasting happiness in a changing world.

**"Are You Really Listening – Keys to Successful Communication"** by Paul Donoghue and Mary Siegel. Both are practicing psychotherapists that have studied ways people don't listen. Listening is an essential skill worth every effort to practice and learn. Half of the population – parents, wives, bosses – complain that the other half isn't listening. Listening opens us to the world and the people around us.

### **New Videos in Resource Library**

"The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit" by Mitch Finley gives an informative discussion of the seven gifts and how they are meaningful for Catholics today.



**1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
National Pink Prayer Day  
Prayer Service  
7:00 PM  
October 15, 2008  
St. Mary's Catholic Church**

Breast cancer has touched the lives of many. Those coping with the disease, those caring for loved ones with the disease, those who have survived breast cancer, and those of us who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. Faith can be a very powerful part of this journey with breast cancer. If your life or the life of a loved one is or has been impacted by breast cancer, St. Mary's faith community invites you to join us for this very special prayer service at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greensburg. All are welcome.

If you or a loved one are currently coping with breast cancer and would like to be named specifically during this prayer service, please call Theresa Schwering by October 13<sup>th</sup> at 812-663-5194 to be added to the list.

We hope you will join us for this very special evening of prayer.

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