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FROM YOUR PASTOR

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This article might be considered a “Spotlight” article as well since it certainly focuses on one of our parishioners/employees.

Shortly after I arrived at Mary, Mother, I received an Archdiocesan request to submit a nominee for the Cardinal Rigali Awards for outstanding service to the Church. The award is given to Catholics serving in parishes, schools or agencies. Not sure how well I knew the parish, I immediately recalled hearing so many wonderful comments about Ed Lewandowski’s generous and lengthy service to our parish and the impact he has had on so many in our parish.

Consulting with our staff, I decided to submit his name for consideration. Soon we received word that he was chosen to be one of 46 employees or volunteers throughout the Archdiocese to receive this wonderful award. On Thursday, September 17, I was delighted to be present with Fr. Reilly, Irene Meyer, Ed’s daughter, Amy, and his beloved wife, Kay, as he received the award from Archbishop Carlson. Congratulations, Ed and Thank You!

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Lisa Raglin 894-9976

The Today Show did a story on Barbra Streisand the other day and it got me thinking about one of her big hits, “People.” Remember? “People who need people are the luckiest people in the world.” Wow...that’s how I feel!

At Mary Mother I’ve needed people to serve on liturgy teams with me, run for Parish Council positions and be parish event planners. I’ve needed people to make food, help set up and clean up at these events. A call for workers for sporting events-- answered with more than we could use! I’ve needed prayers, moral support and friendship. The Mary Mother “people” have filled me completely and with such a joy-filled spirit.

I am not alone with this need for “people.” Think of all the commissions and events here that need people. Look at our beautiful church and parish center buildings, the grounds that need “people” and their contributions to maintain and keep it running smoothly.

We need each other, Mary Mother, and for that we are, indeed, “the luckiest people in the world!”



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Who at MMOC answers the phone so cheerfully when you call? Who greets you when you walk in the rectory door? The title “Multitasker” was originated by this 19+ year’s staff member. She has been a second right hand to many parishioners for her friendliness, knowledge and consistent assistance. So who is this dedicated and caring parishioner? Look on page 2 and find out.

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It is very hard to answer this question unless we know where we are right now. You know the wonderful thing about our faith is that God accepts us and loves us right where we are right now. It is our desire as members of the Mary Mother Community to love each and every member right where they are at this moment in their lives. Do we always succeed? Unfortunately not, but I hope that we always try to do this and that we ask for forgiveness when we fail. If you have been hurt in the past and that is keeping you away from our community worship, I ask for your forgiveness in the name of our parish family and invite you back to take your rightful place in our parish assembly. We are not whole without you! Please give us another chance. You may try starting out by attending one of the "Meet the Priest" sessions currently being held. Check the bulletin or call the rectory to get more details.

PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY

Bill Peters 845-8704

August was a slow month with not too many meetings.

The fields were active with kids from all parishes at soccer camp and tournaments for two or three weekends to complete with the weather being a problem. The activity center was the site of volleyball tournaments.

The parishioners turned out to welcome our new pastor, Father T., and our Associate, Father Jim, with an outside party on the parish grounds.

We also enjoyed a "Sound of Music" ice cream social.

We ended the month with a beautiful retreat with a gathering on Friday and a Mass on Saturday with our Parish Council.

PARISH NURSE

Libby Long & Laura Klages 894-1373

H1N1 Flu Update

Please do not be overly concerned about this strain of flu.

Be cautious! Be proactive and use common sense.

By this time we all know the H1N1 Flu has been declared a "Pandemic." That is because of its geographical spread (world wide); NOT because of its severity.

REMEMBER: THESE GUIDELINES ARE CHANGING DAY TO DAY

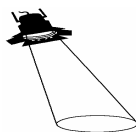
The following information is from the St. Louis County Health Department.

It appears the vaccine may be ready in October. Priority groups will be children, pregnant women, first responders (paramedics, ambulance personnel) and healthcare workers with direct patient contact. The prioritization of the vaccine will be strictly followed. (All adults and children should also get the Seasonal Flu Vaccine this year.) The H1N1 vaccine will be free, but if given by private providers, there may be an administration fee. The vaccine will be limited at first. Perhaps you have heard that two doses may be necessary. Clinical trials are showing that the immune system responds rapidly to the vaccine. Adults will need only one injection. Children will need two injections one month apart.

Remember to: Cover your cough. Wash your hands frequently and completely. Avoid public gatherings. Stay home when you are sick and do not return to work until you have been without a fever for 24 hours and are not taking fever reducing medications for 24 hours and your coughing has subsided. If you do use hand sanitizer, remember: some hand sanitizers contain up to 62 % Ethyl Alcohol. This is **toxic** to children!! If a small child licks their hands after using the sanitizer, toxic effects may result.

Call the Parish Nurse office if you need further information and remember:

It is our privilege to serve you!



THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

Many thanks to **CHARLOTTE SULLIVAN** for choosing to be a big part of MMOC.

God's blessing always

Submitted by the Parish Nurses

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ed Lewandowski 894-1373

The **LIVING ROSARY** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:30 p.m.** Bring your family to **pray and enjoy an ICE CREAM SOCIAL** that follows.

FAMILIES WITH PRESCHOOLERS thru 1st GRADERS! You're invited to our Family Connection "**Halloween Fest**" with games and pot luck dinner **on Sunday evening, October 25, 5:00 p.m.** Watch the bulletin for more details.

A Day Of Reflection for Mothers will be offered once again here at MMOC on **Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 10 am-4:00 pm with a box lunch provided.**

MOTHERHOOD: A JOURNEY OF FAITH, conducted by Julie Preis, MSW and Family Therapist, will offer moms the opportunity to reflect and pray about their role as mothers, who can really put their trust in God's plan for each of His children. Julie will share personal experiences as well as insights and stories gathered from years of working with parents and children. Cost for the day is \$40 payable to "*Julie Preis.*" A limited number of moms will be allowed to register, so please contact Julie Preis by Wednesday October 7 at 314-995-5080 or julespreis@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Pat Dean 842-1887

We have finished our Bible sign-ups; and participants are attending at their respective meeting sites. Can you believe we have 60 people willing to commit to our 24-week program, and an additional 25 people going through the 8-week *Quick Adventure Through the Bible* (after 150 had previously experienced it)? I know the faith of these people will be enriched.

With this being the Year of the Priest, I'd like to share a prayer that I learned when I was 7 years old:

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, look down with love on Your servant priests. Fill them with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep pure and unsullied hearts sealed with sublime marks of Your glorious priesthood, so that they to whom our priests have ministered may one day be their joy and consolation in Heaven. Amen.

Perhaps you could pray it on a regular basis. God be with you!

SEASONAL FLU SHOTS 2009

at

Mary Mother of the Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

from

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in classrooms 1&2

Bring all insurance cards with you!

Insurances accepted include:

Commercial Health Plans: Mercy Health Plan,
Group Health Plan and
SSM Exclusive Choice

Medicare Advantage Plans: Coventry Advantra
Freedom, Essence, Mercy Medicare Advantage,
GHP Advantra, GHP Advantra Freedom, GHP
Gold Advantage, Humana Choice PPO, Humana
Gold Choice PFFS, and Humana Gold Plus
HMO

Medicare Part B (only if you do not have a
Medicare Advantage plan or other primary
insurance.)

For all others, cost is \$30.00 cash or check.
Sorry, Medicaid is not accepted.

You should not get a flu shot if you have acute respiratory illness or fever, an active neurological disorder characterized by changing neurological findings, a history of Guillain-Barre' Syndrome (GBS), a severe allergic reaction to eggs, chicken, Thimerosal, vaccine components or latex.

LITURGY COMMISSION

Mary Anne Howe 892-6396

Your Liturgy Commission and Planning Teams are preparing for the coming Liturgical seasons. Please mark your calendars for October 24-25 when the Anointing of the Sick will take place at all Masses. We invite and encourage all who are dealing with any serious physical or emotional illnesses to come forth to receive this comforting anointing and blessing.

Also, coming up in October is the Living Rosary. What a moving and beautiful tribute this is to our patron and Mother, Mary. Please join us on Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 PM to share this treasured custom of our Church with your family.

We'd like to thank you for the great feedback we've received through the Liturgy Evaluation sheets that may be found on the vestibule bookshelves. We appreciate and review each one and share them with the appropriate staff, (Pastor, Music Ministers, DRE, etc.) Recently someone mentioned that it seems we repeat the same Memorial Acclamation, (i.e. "Christ has died, Christ is risen. ... Etc.") We found out that, basically, only four Acclamations are approved by the Church. Peace!

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

Mary Jo Masterson 843-7438

What is "evangelization?" Essentially it is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us. We do this by living good lives and modeling our faith to others. This month I would like to offer a big "thanks" to some Mary Mother evangelizers. First, thank you to Father T. and Father Jim for making themselves available to parishioners. They have spent quite a number of hours visiting with groups of parishioners in neighborhood homes. They have shared their "vision" while listening to the needs and concerns of those they shepherd.

My second thank you goes to Bob Carroll and his team of workers, who labor tirelessly each week to prepare for and lead the sessions for Alpha. Among other things, they prepare discussions, copy reading materials, pray for the participants, and provide a delicious meal to begin each gathering. What awesome evangelizers!

YOUTH COMMISSION

Sean Kennedy 487-4046

A new school year has began,
And Mary Mother Youth Group has a new plan.
Fun and projects will still remain,
Surely, these events will not bust our brains.

We took a trip to Saint Vincent's home,
To the kitchen is where we soon roamed.
Meeting all sorts of people and feeding the needy,
We made sure no one was too greedy.

To Busch Stadium where we then traveled,
Where many plays were soon unraveled.
Pujols and his team tried their best,
But on this day, they were not blessed.

Driving around the South County area,
Many teens were running with hysteria.
The scavenger hunt turned out to be a blast,
Too bad it went by way too fast.

And finally to finish my poem,
I use this saying to take it home.
Forever God will follow us wherever we may be,
And he is always blessing us at MMOC.

ENTERTAINMENT 2010 COUPON BOOKS

ENTERTAINMENT 2010 COUPON BOOKS are now on sale at Mary Mother. Coupon books will be available for sale in the vestibule frequently after Masses, and from the parish secretaries anytime during the week in the parish office. Please see the weekly bulletin or after-Mass announcements for future sale dates.

Each coupon book contains four free \$5 gift cards and 930 coupons for 2 for 1 dining, travel, entertainment, and shopping. Using just the six Shop'n Save coupons pays for the entire book. Books will cost \$30.00 each, and will benefit Mary Mother by \$6.90 per book sold.

If anyone has a friend, relative or co-worker who might be interested in purchasing a coupon book, please help by letting them know we have books for sale.

Thanks for your support,
Phil & Liz Brave 892-7782

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Susan Krieger 892-6167

Many thanks to Paul and Sue Schulte for organizing the 'Welcome Bar-B-Q' for Fr. T and Fr. Jim. The brisket sandwiches were delicious! It was a great evening to have a gathering in the Mary Mother Courtyard; we had quite a crowd to welcome our wonderful new priests! Thanks also to Al Lamprecht for the use of his sound system and Jeanne and Mike Heck for the saddle and hay bales. They really added atmosphere to our western/cowboy theme.

As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities to "be social" here at Mary Mother! Please see the listing below for upcoming events. If you would like to help facilitate an event as opposed to attend, yet are not sure what you want to do, please give me a call (314-892-6167). Getting involved in parish activities, of course, is a great way to meet people and build a stronger faith community.

Pasta Dinner & Quilt Raffle: Sunday, October 11th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Great Italian food and fellowship! Plans are under way; please look for reminders and more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Ice Cream Social (in conjunction with The Rosary): October 21.

Progressive Dinner: Saturday, November 7th following 5:00 Mass. This is a delightful/delectable event and a great way to meet new people!

Christmas choral concert: Date not yet finalized

Christmas Home Tour and Luncheon: Saturday, December 12th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is one of our most popular newer social events--don't miss it!

Annual Poker Tournament: January, 2010

'Sound of Music' play/musical: February, 5, 6 and 7th performed by our very own Mary Mother parishioners!

ATHLETICS

Mary Ann Daust 892-7452

REGISTRATION TIME for BASKETBALL is here again. Please note the times and place in our bulletin. Thank you again for making our soccer tournament a success. We appreciate your time and effort for our children. Keep checking the bulletin and Update for any information you may need about our sports teams.

TITHING

August 2009 - 5 Sundays

1. Energy Care, \$1,500 – Provides financial assistance for utility bills for those facing loss of gas/electric service. (three times a year, since 1997)

2. St. Agatha Center, \$1,000 – Ministers to the poor within parish boundaries, includes food pantry and education center. (Since 2002)

3. Institute for Peace and Justice, \$700 - Provides alternatives to violence in family, school and community. (Since 1997)

4. Missouri Catholic Conference, \$700 - Catholic Church's **Advocacy Group** in Jefferson City promotes the inclusion of Catholic teaching in state legislation. Speaking together as the MCC, the Missouri Catholic bishops consider current issues through the lens of a two thousand year tradition of Catholic moral teaching. (Since 1997)

5. Sts. Peter and Paul Church, \$800 - Helps employment program by providing bus passes until first pay check. Food kitchen and shelter. Since 1997)

6. Criminal Justice Ministry, Society of St. Vincent DePaul, \$800– Assists in the ministry to those incarcerated, to help their families during the confinement and to provide transitional aid upon release. (Since 2003)

7. Aquinas Institute of Theology, \$800 - Provide tuition assistance for a Dominican missionary Sister from Nigeria in order for her to complete her degree and return home.

8. Mary, Mother Emergency Fund, \$ 400

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Kim & Rich Blackford 845-9422

Mary Mother is full of generous people who serve others in a variety of ways. We may need a reminder that we need to let others serve us too. Just as the disciples were uncomfortable with Jesus washing their feet, some of us may not feel worthy of being served. It may show vulnerability to let others be of service to us, especially when those others are people we know well. However, as Jesus told His twelve, we must be willing to receive service as well as give it. Lucky for us there are many beautiful ways we can be served at MMOC! We can take advantage of the Jonah Team to pray for us after Mass. We can call on the parish to help with meals when someone is hospitalized. We can let others be support to us through Divorce Care and other groups in the parish. The list goes on and on. And remember by letting others serve us we let them experience the joy we feel when the roles are reversed.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Craig Snavelly 487-8995

Thanks to those who took part in the CPR/AED training in September. Hopefully none of those parishioners will ever need to use their new skills; but it may assist in keeping one of our Parishioners or visitors alive in our community!

Those of you looking for something to do, I have the answer! We are in need of people to fill two spots on our commission for Athletics and Liturgy as liaisons to The Health Ministry. Also needed is a Disability Advocate for our parish to assist in our needs for those with temporary or permanent loss of physical capacities.

If you feel an inner urge to serve in one of these positions, please call me and we can discuss further.

CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

Carl Hendrickson 892-6451

Is sexting, sending sexually graphic imagery via cell phones, just harmless fun? Dr. John Splinter, psychologist and Director of the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, is one of the panelists to address this question. If your teenager has a cell phone, **you should attend the forum on October 29th!**

CAP meets the third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in a MMOC classroom.

PRO-LIFE

John Siesener 842-6408

PRO-LIFE HEALTH CARE TALKING POINTS

- If not amended, the Obama health care plan will be the most massive abortion expansion since Roe v. Wade.
- Every premium holder and every taxpayer will be forced to pay for every abortion.
- Abortion is NOT health care.
- Data shows that, when abortion is a covered service, there are more abortions.
- The majority of Americans do not support public funding of abortion and should not have abortion coverage thrust upon them.

Our next meeting is October 6th, 6:30 p.m., upper Annex. All are welcome.

MCU for St. Louis



METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED ISAIAH

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MCU ISAIAH Forum on Public Transportation: A Local, State and Federal Perspective

Isaiah is sponsoring the Forum on Public Transportation on **Saturday, October 10th at Zion UMC** (1603 Union Road), **doors open at 9:00 a.m. The forum will be from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** MCU believes that public transportation is an essential part of a strong, viable St. Louis Region. However, currently our public transportation system is not sustainable. This will be a chance to talk about local, state and federal solutions for strengthening public transportation.

At the **Forum** we will look at the impact of public transportation on South County and the region. We will hear from local, state and federal officials about what is happening politically with public transportation. Cong. Russ Carnahan will not be able to attend; but Mr. Robert Baer, Executive Director of Metro, and a member of St. Justin Parish, will give the main presentation. We will also hear testimony from a cross section of people who have been greatly affected. This will be a great opportunity to become more informed about this issue, so that we each can become informed voters and citizens.

October 2009

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| 11 Blood Pressure Screening Preschool Pasta Dinner Youth Group | 12 PSR Classes Beg. Again - 7:00 Youth Comm. Annex - 7:30 | 13 Exposition Quilters/TOPS Bible Study 9:15 Sr. Activity ALPHA/P.E.A.C.E. MenACTS/YouthVo | 14 Exposition Sandwich Shoppe Tai Chi - 9:30 PSR Classes Choir Prac. 7:15 | 15 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 DivorceCare 7:00 CAP - 7:30 rm. 1 Choir Prac. 7:30 | 16 Mothers Day of Reflection 1&2 | 17 Mothers Day of Reflection 1&2 |
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