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# UPDATE

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

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### A PRIESTLY YEAR, A PRIESTLY PEOPLE

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year as the Year of the Priest, encouraging priests to continually strive for holiness in their lives. Some parishes have begun activities which invite parishioners to pray for their priests. Here at Mary Mother we are beginning to consider how best to honor the Year of the Priest.

I share the following words from the American Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry: "The priesthood of the faithful and the ordained ministerial priesthood although distinct are not opposed to one another. In fact, they stand or fall together. To the degree that we give full weight to the priesthood of all the baptized, to that degree do we see the full importance and significance of the ordained priesthood."

The community gathered to worship is a priestly people...If this community is conscious of its dignity, then those it calls to service in position of leadership will be able to recognize their dignity as well!

Fr. Jim Telthorst

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Lisa Raglin 894-9976

STOP!! LOOK!! LISTEN!! Remember those three commands we heard as children from our parents? We were taught early to be aware of everything around us. God our Father tells us to do the same thing here at Mary Mother. First, stop after Sunday Mass and visit with your parish family, either out in the vestibule or outside in our beautiful courtyard. What a unique and loving group we are! Take time to know one another better by slowing down a bit. Look at the lovely flower gardens and landscaping that members of our parish take such good care of. Notice how the inside environment changes with the church seasons? Time and effort is taken to make our church beautiful on the inside as well, enhancing our Eucharistic celebrations. And listen. Listen to all our voices raised in song. We have an amazing and talented group of musicians, cantors and choirs here who tie our music in with the readings each week.

Stop, look and listen to what the Lord may be calling YOU to do here at Mary Mother!



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

This man truly "serves" our parish in many capacities, not only at 8:00 Mass. He may be a master of disguises; but there's no question who's behind that beaming grin. He's been known to help "raise dough" for Mary Mother in the parish kitchen at Thanksgiving and for our auctions. He has been a member of the parish for many years. He and his wife raised their two daughters here. They are now very proud grandparents. Look on page 5 to find out who this joy-filled parishioner is.

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## PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY

*Bill Peters 845-8704*

### Highlights from Parish Council Meeting June, 2009

Council members in attendance: Randy Howe, Kim Blackford, Pat Dean, Mary Anne Howe, Craig Snavely, Ed Lewandowski, Sue Krieger, Mary Jo Masterson, Sean Kennedy, Fr. Telthorst, Deacon Dick, and Bill Peters. Guests: Charlotte Sullivan and Jackie Wilson.

1. Fr. T was present for the first time. He gave information about himself including that he is studying in the Doctoral program at the Aquinas Institute to receive a pastoral degree in preaching in a couple years.
2. Charlotte and Jackie instructed new members about office procedures and Update articles.
3. Msgr. Ed Reilly's retirement will be highlighted in the St. Louis Review.
4. Fr. Mark's send off party was a success.
5. Fr. Reilly's retirement party and gift were discussed.
6. Deacon Dick gave a report on the dome project for the soccer fields.
7. Deacon also gave an update on the floor replacement in the PAC.
8. Fundraisers were discussed to help replace the Dinner Auction.

The Next  
**ACTS RETREAT**  
**FOR MEN OF MARY MOTHER**  
**JANUARY 21-24, 2010**  
**at Mercy Retreat Center**

All men of the parish are invited to participate in our ACTS Retreat. Registration is first come, first serve, based upon the date that your registration form and deposit are received at our parish office. A waiting list will be formed once we have 30 registered retreatants. Visit our parish website [www.mmoc4u.org](http://www.mmoc4u.org) for the registration form and information or call Jim Yamnitz 894-7375, Dick Roseland 487-5342, or Steve Krieger 892-6167. *P.S. This Fall's ACTS Retreat for women on October 15-18 is full. Everyone on the waiting list will be advanced to the next women's retreat, August 26-29, 2010.*

## PARISH COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRPERSON

*Randy Howe 892-6396*

### A GIFTED COMMUNITY

We are a blessed and gifted community. God has given all of us gifts of time, talent and treasure to build His Kingdom on earth; and we need to start right here in our parish community. How has God gifted you? How are you using your gifts to build the Mary Mother family and God's Kingdom? We, the Mary Mother Family, NEED YOU! We need your gifts of time, talent and treasure. We all have different gifts; but all the gifts are necessary for Mary Mother to be all that God intends us to be. If maybe now you don't have time to share, perhaps you can increase your gift of treasure. If you can't share treasure right now, maybe you can be more generous with your time or talent. Take a look at the calendar in the back of this Update to see some of the many activities going on here at Mary Mother. No matter what your current situation, I HOPE YOU WILL ALWAYS TAKE YOUR PLACE IN OUR SUNDAY ASSEMBLY. WE ARE NOT WHOLE WITHOUT YOU!

## PARISH NURSE

### LET'S PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS

**The first line of defense against germs such as the common cold, influenza, Swine flu (H1N1 influenza), Hepatitis A and infectious diarrhea is good hand washing. It only takes TWENTY SECONDS to help protect yourself as well as others.** With running water apply soap to your hands and rub hands together making lather. Scrub all surfaces. Do this for 20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" two times before rinsing. Dry your hands and turn off the faucet with the same towel.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before eating
- Before preparing food
- After going to the bathroom
- After blowing your nose
- After coughing or sneezing
- After playing with your pet
- Before inserting or removing contact lenses.

If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer. Apply product to one hand and rub hands together making sure to cover all surfaces. Anti-microbial wipes or towelettes could be included in the lunch bag. You could also keep one in your pocket or purse.

It is Our Privilege to Serve You!!

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Ed Lewandowski 894-1373*

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** sessions will open on **September 14 and 16**. If you have registered, the PSR Directory with listings of PSR sessions will be mailed to your home. If you do not receive one, please call the number above. **Reminder:** Your regular Sunday prayer at Mass and your Sunday offering support our religious education program. Sign into *Faith Direct* to make your contributions. We appreciate everyone's help!

**SUNDAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM** will open on Sunday, September 27. Parents of preschoolers who are registered will be notified the week prior to opening.

**CONFIRMATION:** Parents and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates are asked to attend an orientation meeting together on September 10, 7:00 pm. OLDER TEENS and ADULTS wishing to be confirmed, please contact Ed at 894-1373 x218.

**Wednesday Morning BIBLE STUDY:** For more information about The Cornerstone Scripture Study and this year's study of **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**, which begins on September 30, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., call Sharon Bockland at 821-7035. Visitors are invited to come on September 30 to see first hand what The Cornerstone is all about!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

*Pat Dean 842-1887*

By now, I have spoken at all Masses about Christian Formation's offerings this fall. I'm anxious to see your response. If you didn't sign up, but find you can participate, please call me and I'll try to work something out with you.

We have these options: 8-week **Quick Adventure through the Bible**; 24-week **Great Adventure Bible Timeline** – both beginning the week of September 21 (Father Jim will lead one 24-week series following Tuesday Mass); **Cornerstone Scripture Study** – in-depth look at the Gospel of John, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM, beginning September 30; **Basic Catholic Catechism Home Study Course**, 16-lesson program covering the essentials of the Catholic faith (Call Leslie Najjar, 894-9156, for information).

We also hope to add people to the Jonah Team, who pray with/for parishioners after Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, call Ann Noonan – 487-3824 – **ASAP** – as training is in September.

Perhaps one of these will help you improve your love relationship with Jesus. God be with you.



## LITURGY NOTES

*Ken Barnes 894-1373*

As I write this, in mid-August, the media throughout our country is "celebrating" and reporting on **the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival** that occurred in upstate New York in **1969**.

One of the unusual aspects of that famous landmark live music concert was **the peaceful nature of the gathering**. Almost a half a million people gathered in one place with very little in the way of accommodations, food, or water, and yet **there were no reports of violence or unrest**.

Another great aspect of this event was the **ongoing live music**. It included some of the most famous musicians of the era. The **crowd became an organic, integral part of the event**, and, in many ways, defined the very nature of the Woodstock Festival.

Interestingly enough, a similar thing happens **when we gather each week for liturgy**. It is one of the only times in our modern way of life that **we hear live music** (instead of recordings). **It is one of the few places we can go** during our busy week **where we can allow ourselves to become an integral, organic part of a musical liturgy** --- a liturgy that becomes **the fountain that feeds our spiritual growth**. Here, we gather, and sing, and celebrate, all with the goal of creating peace in our hearts and peace for all.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

*Kim & Rich Blackford 845-9422*

There is a little known group of volunteers that do a lot of good for our community called Sandwich Shop. Sandwich Shop meets a couple of times a month to make sandwiches for the Karen House, a Catholic Worker shelter for the homeless in North St. Louis. On average each sandwich shop makes about 450 sandwiches which Karen House then uses for their residents and others in the neighborhood. Recently, Sandwich Shop has found itself in great need of workers, especially some who would be willing to take the sandwiches to Karen House. Usually volunteers meet in the morning after 8:30 Mass and drive the sandwiches down by early afternoon. If volunteering your time does not work into your schedule, Sandwich Shop is always looking for donations of food or money to help offset the costs. If you are interested in this great service, please call Kim and Rich Blackford at 314-845-9422; and we will put you in touch with those who need your help.

## SOCIAL COMMISSION

*Susan Krieger 892-6167*

We had awesome celebrations of love for both Fr. Ed's and Fr. Mark's farewell gatherings. And by the time you read this, we will have had our Welcome BBQ for Fr. T and Fr. Jim. I am sure it will have been equally outstanding! The wonderful, welcoming spirit of our Mary Mother family is truly a blessing!

Summer is over and the kids are back in school. It's time to get your calendars updated with upcoming MMOC social events:

**Bunko Luau:** Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 Mass. It's \$15.00 per person; sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Please bring a snack to share. For info, call Pat E. at 892-6782.

**Rosary & Ice Cream Social:** October; date yet to be determined

**Pasta Dinner:** Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Progressive Dinner:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 Mass. This is a really fun event and a great way to meet new people!

**Christmas choral concert:** December; date not final as yet

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

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

*Angie Ness 704-1590*

In my last article, I talked about the opportunity to support the parish through Offertory contributions and Faith Direct. These are wonderful ways to give back for all that Mary Mother of the Church provides us. However, there are many other ways to support the parish. Each week, Mary Mother Certificates are sold in the vestibule after Masses. These certificates are sold for use in many stores you may already frequent and return a small profit back to Mary Mother. In addition, our sporting and social events support the parish as well. These are great ways to get involved and continue to further the mission of Mary Mother. You can find more information about supporting these efforts in your bulletin each week.

## LITURGY COMMISSION

*Mary Anne Howe 892-6396*

I've often found myself smiling when coming upon a church marquee spelling out: "L-I-T- \_ \_ -G-Y. What's Missing?"

If you read that sign and answer it, "U-R", do you realize how true it is? If YOU ARE missing from Sunday Liturgy, our parish community is incomplete. We are a puzzle with a missing piece.

Each Sunday evening 19 people squeeze together at our family dinner table to celebrate our blessing as a family community. Even if there are only 14 of us at the table, the table is still full, but special pieces are missed.

On Saturday evening and Sunday mornings we are called to the liturgical celebration of God's family. Please join us at His table and be assured that without YOU there, U R missed.

## ENTERTAINMENT 2010 COUPON BOOKS

ENTERTAINMENT COUPON BOOKS will again be sold this fall at Mary Mother. 2010 Coupon books will be available for sale in the vestibule frequently after Masses, and from the parish secretary during office hours beginning in late August. Please listen for announcements after Mass or see the parish bulletin for future sale dates.

The coupon book has made some exciting changes this year. In addition to the hundreds of money-saving coupons for 2 for 1 dining, travel, sports, entertainment, and shopping, there are four \$5 off, with no minimum purchase, coupons for Bandana's, TGI Fridays, Cecil Whittaker's Pizza and Culpeppers. Coupons are valid now through November 1, 2010. Using just the 6 (not 5 as stated in last month's Update) Shop and Save coupons pays for the entire book. Books will cost \$30.00 each and will benefit Mary Mother by \$6.90 per book sold, up to 121 books. We also will earn \$15 for each book sold over 121 books.

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

Diana Piantanida has graciously volunteered to help with this year's sales, so feel free to ask her any questions you may have.

Thanks in advance for your support.  
Phil & Liz Brave 892-7782

## ATHLETICS COMMISSION

*Mary Ann Daust 892-7452*

THANK YOU to all the soccer tournament volunteers. We had 100 teams participate; and we owe a big thank you to our chairman STEVE YOUNG for organizing such a fine tournament. We at Mary Mother salute you in bringing all our children together. Many of the committee members are to be applauded for their countless hours of grilling hot dogs, concessions, water hauling and clean up. BLESS YOU ALL and THANK YOU.

Our soccer camp was a great event; and we thank you FRED HOHENBERGER for chairing this event. We also applaud STEVE MAURER for teaching our children the finer points of the game. Bless you both for all you do for Mary Mother.

Read the bulletin for volleyball and other sign ups. Again, THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING in our soccer activities and in making them successes.

## YOUTH COMMISSION

*Sean Kennedy 487-4046*

The summer of 2009 started off with a bang,  
Where Wednesday morning Mass was the in thang.  
Petitions and breakfast were soon to follow,  
Where we got a visit from a priestly fellow.

A few ideas were tossed around,  
And a solution to a new activity was soon found.  
The corporal and spiritual works of mercy will be a big part,  
For the rest of our projects, that sounds like a good start.

The Steubenville retreat came about thereafter,  
With plenty of times filled with good laughter.  
Many teens experienced this spiritual time,  
And when we left, the Holy Spirit in us was very sublime.

Our permanent lifeguard followed us to the Lake,  
Where Clare's head was bound to ache.  
With 15 teens and chaperones along with Father T,  
This glorious weekend was filled with glee.

Now the summer is coming to an end,  
And goodbyes have been said to so many friends.  
But forever God will follow us wherever we may be,  
And with this, I will end my decree...

God Bless MMOC



## THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

**Claude Leezy,  
Thank you for all you do.**

Submitted by Lisa Raglin

## TITHING

**July 2009 - 4 Sundays**

1. **St. Anthony Food Pantry**, \$700 - Provides direct service to the poor. (Since 1999; Donating 6 x per year starting 2009)
2. **Central Catholic St. Nicholas School**, \$500 – Assists our sister parish, the Rock Church, in funding its parish school, providing an education for 275 inner city students. (semi-annual contribution, since 2006)
3. **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, \$ 900 – Provides prenatal and infant care through the parish nurse program. (Since 1999; quarterly contribution)
4. **Thailand Missions, CSsR**, \$800 - Assists children who have been orphaned or abandoned by parents with AIDS. Mothers and children who have the disease are also under care. Girls who have been sold into sexual slavery are bought back as funds permit. (Since 1997)
5. **Catholic Day Care Center**, \$500 - Marianist Brothers provide educational and social opportunities for 72 children ages 2 through 6 in a day care -Kindergarten program in East St. Louis. (Since 2006)
6. **Birthright of Hillsboro**, \$500 - Supports Birthright's efforts in Hillsboro, MO. (Since 2008)
7. **Jonestown Learning Center**, \$400 – Assists the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in their ministry to empower children and adults through increased education. In addition to the Learning Center, there is a medical program and a service development program. (Since 2000)
8. **Vincent Gray Academy**, \$600 - Helps provide an education for poor, at-risk young men and women in a supportive and respectful atmosphere. (Since 1997)
9. **Mary, Mother Emergency Fund**, \$500

## EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

*Mary Jo Masterson 843-7438*

Even though the pace seems to slow a bit during the summer, our Ambassadors have been busy with their work of visiting new parishioners. Since the beginning of the year, we have had more than 30 new families register. Please help them feel welcome. If you see someone at church that you don't know, introduce yourself. That is a part of our community evangelizing.

In the next few months, our commission will be brainstorming ways to improve our interactions with others. If you have ideas, we would love to hear them. You are very welcome at any of our meetings, which are usually the third Wednesday of the month and are listed in the Sunday bulletin. Every member of our parish is an evangelizer. We show it by witnessing our faith to those around us. We never know how many people we touch with a smile or a kind word. Keep up the good work!

## CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

*Carl Hendrickson 892-6451*

Is sexting, sending sexually graphic imagery via cell phones, harmless fun or a crime? Joe Laramie, Director of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, is one of several to address this question at a forum on October 29<sup>th</sup>. If your teenager has a cell phone, **you should attend!**

## PRO-LIFE

*John Siesener 842-6408*

Congress is working on a health care package, which includes elements of the Freedom of Choice Act that we opposed a few months ago. Senator Claire McCaskill was asked at a Town Hall meeting if abortions would be provided for; and she said no. When asked if the audience trusted her, the response was a loud NO. Senator McCaskill is a Pro-Abortion activist. In January she co-sponsored S21 that provides more taxpayer funding for abortion referrals and could deny federal funding to Pro-Life hospitals. Health care should never contain provisions where the unborn, the elderly or anybody should be legally killed. Contact Senator Claire McCaskill, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, 202-224-6154, [www.mccaskill.senate.gov/contact](http://www.mccaskill.senate.gov/contact).

Our next meeting is on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m., in the upper Annex.

## HEALTH MINISTRY COMMISSION

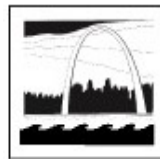
*Craig Snavelly 487-8995*

One of the publications we have as a resource each Saturday/ Sunday is "In the Pink." It's a one page publication featuring articles on geriatrics, yard safety, health/wellness, etc.

Recently the publication ran a six-part series on "Mental Illness," discussing awareness, what it is, the problem, the solution, treatment plus resources to contact by phone and on line. If you don't pick up a publication after Mass, you can go to the website and read the articles on line. Go to [www.mmoc4u.org](http://www.mmoc4u.org), then to Commissions, then to Health Ministry, then to "In the Pink."

Before leaving church at the end of the Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday, look for a pink publication on the table at the back of church, next to the weekly bulletin. I guarantee you will find an article of interest to you to read!

Also, if you come across an article of interest you would want to share with the parish, please contact me and I will present it to the publisher.



MCU for St. Louis

## METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED ISAIAH

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### TRANSPORTATION FIELD HEARING

Isaiah is making an earnest effort to inform South County about the necessity of having public transportation in our greater community. Accessibility to transportation greatly has an effect on the viability of a community – it touches areas of health, employment and education. Russ Carnahan, our U.S. Representative, in conjunction with Isaiah, is holding a Transportation Field Hearing on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**; elected officials of both parties will be invited. Our hope is to have residents of our community share their stories about what hardships have been imposed on them with the reduction of transportation. Also to be addressed are questions and concerns, we as voters have, about money coming from the Federal Government to help in the funding of transportation. This will be a great opportunity for voters and citizens of South County to separate hearsay (sometimes inaccurate information) from concrete facts. At this time we only know the date of the event. Actual location and information will be in the Bulletin – WATCH FOR IT AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Jonah Team - after Masses		1 Exposition Quilters TOPS - 9:00 Sr. Activity Pro-Life - 6:30	2 Exposition Tai Chi - 9:30 PSR mtg. - 7:00 Women ACTS-7:00 Cancer Supp7:30 Hgtf. 8:00	3 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 C. Serv. - 7:00 Confirm.mtg7:00 Choir Prac7:30 Liturgy - 7:30	4 Jonah Team 6:00	5 Jonah Team 6:00
7 Jonah Team - after Masses		8 Exposition Quilters TOPS - 9:00 Sr. Activity ALPHA - 6:30 YouthVols-7:30	9 Exposition Sandwich Shoppe Tai Chi - 9:30 Women ACTS-7:00	10 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 Divorce Care 7:00- Rm. 2 Choir Prac7:30	11 AED/CPR Training Blood Pressure Screening	12 AED/CPR Training Blood Pressure Screening
13 Blood Pressure Screening Youth Group Annex - 7:00	14 PSR Classes Youth Commission 7:30pm - Annex	15 Exposition Quilters/TOPS Sr. Activity ALPHA - 6:30 Sandwich Shoppe Health/Social	16 Exposition Tai Chi - 9:30 PSR Classes Women ACTS-7:00 Athletics - 7:00 Evan. - 7:30	17 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 Divorce Care Choir Prac7:30 CAP - 7:30	18	19
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Gregory Ringenberg & Theresa  
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## **DEATHS:**

Marie Koch

## **BAPTISMS:**

Jacob Guehne  
Kaelyn Mortimer

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Mario & Jaime Vujevic  
Sadie