
UPDATE

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

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Dear parishioners,

First, for those who may have missed the notice in the bulletin, I am inviting parishioners interested in forming a St. Vincent De Paul conference in our parish to please contact me. This organization exists around the world in Catholic Churches and is responsible for assisting *all* people within our parish boundaries who may be in need of food and/or rental and utility assistance. It is a highly organized and yet personal involvement with those who seek its assistance. Meetings are held weekly during which completion of past requests are reported and new requests are assigned and discussed.

Secondly, as new pastors normally do, I requested an audit of our financial records and practices as offered by the Archdiocese. The auditors could not have been more helpful and generous with their time. They complimented us where they found correct procedures and provided a written report of areas that need attention. Deacon Dick and I will be discussing those findings with our Administration/Finance Commission in our next meeting.

Fr. Jim Telthorst

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SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Each month this group comes together to lead, plan and further the mission of Mary Mother of the Church. This group gives of their time to lead others in service, planning liturgy, social activities and long-term planning. Look on page 2 to find out who this group is.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Lisa Raglin 894-9976

Have you ever heard or read about a Mary Mother family member, but couldn't put a face to the name? Maybe you saw someone but couldn't remember their name. Did you think how wonderful it would be if you had an up-to date pictorial directory to look up that person? Well, guess what? You will soon be able to do so! We are planning an anniversary edition Mary Mother Pictorial Directory BUT...we need your help!

First of all, we need someone to help organize a committee to get this underway and parishioners to help on this committee. We also are looking for pictures taken at various Mary Mother events that would make a good anniversary remembrance. Most of the professional photographers I have researched will work hand-in-hand with us as we put this book together. And lastly, please make an appointment when called to set up that photo opportunity.

Call any of us on the Council to become involved in this fun project. We are family here, and we have a beautiful history to share. Please be part of it!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

PARISH COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Randy Howe 892-6396

I would like to thank the 13 people who attended the Parish Council Night of Discernment and prayerfully considered whether to put their names up for election for the 2010 Parish Council. We will know shortly who will be running this year. We have 5 adult vacancies on the council to fill and the youth representative. If we have more than 5 people interested, elections will take place the weekends of March 6-7 and March 13-14.

I also want to wish everyone a very blessed Lent. I want to call your attention to the movie nights that Fr. T is hosting on the Sundays of Lent. Sounds like a great way to further the faith discussions throughout the parish.

PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY

Bill Peters 845-8704

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2009

Members present: Lisa Raglin, Randy Howe, Kim Blackford, Pat Dean, Mary Anne Howe, Craig Snively, Ed Lewandowski, Mary Jo Masterson, Susan Krieger, Mary Ann Daust, Sean Kennedy, Fr. T, Dick Coffman, Bill Peters, Fr. Jim

October minutes were approved and seconded.

Reports:

Liturgy: Nothing to add to the minutes submitted.

Ad/Fin: When asked about an update on the possible dome on the Mary Mother playing fields, Deacon answered that it fell through due to the many requirements mandated by the County. Deacon mentioned a bid for replacing the Msgr. Ed Reilly Parish Center floor at \$25,000.00.

Health: Craig reported that Libby Long is working with Ed Lewandowski on a PSR disaster evacuation plan. Also, there is a need for an "advocate for the disabled" to be involved in any future remodeling/restructuring of our church building. Jane Goeke will chair this position.

Evangelization: Mary Jo suggested "Evangelization" should not be capitalized unless referring to the commission. She also mentioned the need for the by-laws to be amended to include a rule on the number of meetings a commission chairperson must attend.

Youth: Sean mentioned that members of the youth commission have volunteered to tutor other high school parishioners as the need arises. They, in turn, can earn service hours for their tutoring time. Pat Dean and Mary Jo Masterson mentioned that there may be adults in the parish who could also be available to help tutor. The youth are again collecting coats for Warner's Warm-up. They are talking about having a movie night in their new youth area in the annex. They will again be "Christmas Angels" distributing gifts during the 12 days of Christmas. Recipients will find out who the "angels" are when they receive muffins from them at 7:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Christian Service: Nothing additional to add.

Christian Formation: Pat reported that a play given by the Theatre of the Word theatrical group will be given on Sunday, January 17, called "Faith of our Fathers." There is no cost, but a free-will offering will be requested.

Social: Susan reported that the ice cream social went well; the progressive dinner was cancelled; and the pasta dinner was another fine success. Christmas House Tour is

scheduled for Saturday, December 12. Jim and Sharon Walter will chair the Lenten fish fries. Someone suggested "A Taste of Mary Mother" some time in July or August. A possible adult mystery trip and social activity with the Rock Church was also suggested.

Athletics: Mary Ann reminded everyone of the Mouse Races to be held on Saturday, December 5. Help is still needed. John Hesser and the Men's Organization are planning and advertising this fund raiser.

DRE: Ed reported that there will be no PSR the week of Thanksgiving. Sacrament of Reconciliation is coming up for the second-grade class.

Old Business:

Seminary Campaign: Fr. T reported that our parish has already received 40 pledges. There will be more receptions for the "Advance" and "Special" groups. He will speak to the parish as a whole about the campaign before Christmas.

Major Fund Raiser: Spring dance is scheduled for April 10 or April 17. Fr. T was able to get his musician friends to play. It will be held in the Msgr. Ed Reilly Parish Center.

Goal Setting Review: Ed presented the Council with the top 6 issues that were voted on to be addressed this coming year. They are:

1. Addressing a younger generation for involvement in leadership roles or membership on commissions.
2. Time for "Time and Talent"
3. Parish Pictorial Directory
4. Bring website up to date
5. Move technology into the 21st century
6. Do we know the total revenue and total expenses budgeted for 2008-2009? What was the total ACTUAL revenue and total ACTUAL expenditures for the same time frame?

New Business:

Fostering Faithful Families

Kim requested that we as a parish become better informed and possibly more involved with this non-denominational religious agency. She will keep us updated.

Closing prayer led by Lisa



THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you for your leadership throughout the year to make Mary Mother a wonderful place of worship.

Submitted by Angela Ness



LITURGY NOTES

Ken Barnes 894-1373

You may have noticed by now our focus for the **Season of Lent: “Come Home, Travel Light.”** As mentioned in the bulletin, this is a good time of year to seek **simplicity** in the way we practice **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving -- the traditional hallmarks of Lent.**

Until Holy Week, you will see this **quest for simplicity** reflected in our parish liturgies. The **church is simply decorated, music and song is stripped down to the basics** of melody and text with accompaniment that only assists rather than embellishes. We hear **readings and prayers that call us to review** how we spend our time and our resources.

Whereas Advent is marked by a liturgical simplicity that is full of hopeful expectation and anticipation, **Lent is characterized more by a turning inward with a sense of introspection and sacrifice** that can lead us to a deeper sense of **charity, justice, and expressions of faith-filled love.**

Let us use the **simple setting of our Lenten liturgies** to “inspire” us (i.e. breathe in the breath of God, as Fr. Jim described in a recent homily), that is, **spur us on to the kind of action that “brings forth the kingdom of God.”**

PARISH NURSE

Libby Long & Laura Klages 894-1373

Last year we incorporated the **Walk to Jerusalem** into our daily Lenten journey and “traveled” almost 63,000 miles **for the love and glory of God.** Hopefully we haven’t stopped this stewardship of caring and giving back to God who has given us the opportunity to share paradise with Him.

This year maybe we could look at our Lenten journey through the eyes of the elderly and those living alone. We could brighten their day with a phone call to inquire how he/she is doing and is there anything I can do today to make your day better. Providing a listening ear can do wonders for someone who has no one to talk to on a regular basis. Do you need an errand run or shopping done? I can take you or would you like me to go for you? Would you like to share supper with our family – it’s “soup” night; but you are welcome to join us. Which day would you like to attend Mass this week? We can go together. I would like to stop in for a short visit with you, what day is best for you? These are just a few suggestions for remembering those who may be lonely and alone. We make two people happy when we share our day and time with someone else.

It is our privilege to serve you.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ed Lewandowski 894-1373

- The 4th Grade Mission Carnival, originally scheduled for March 7, has been postponed. We are in need of a lead team of parents for this event. If anyone is interested and available, please call Ed at 314-894-1373 x218.
- **All Confirmation Candidates attend CLASS on March 14, 7-9 pm.**
- **FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT DAY and POTLUCK BANQUET will be Saturday, March 27th.** Please bring your child to the parish hall between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. (Have lunch before coming.) Pick up children between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. and drop off your dish for the potluck banquet, which follows the 5:00 p.m. liturgy. Since this is a community day for the children, we ask all children and families to participate.
- We hope you will make every effort to observe the **Triduum (3 days) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil:** April 1, 2, 3.. Your presence at church during these holy days puts Faith First in the lives of your children.
- **CONFIRMATION will be administered by Msgr. Vernon Gardin, Vicar General, Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.** REHEARSAL for Confirmation will be on Monday, May 11th 7-9 p.m.

Let’s Dance into Spring !!

Save the Date: Saturday, April 10th

Mary Mother Fund Raiser/Dinner Dance in the Reilly Center

**Entertainment/Music by our very own
Father ‘T’ and his ‘Father T Trio’
Watch for more details in upcoming Sunday
Bulletins and your invitations in the mail.**

LITURGY COMMISSION

Mary Anne Howe 892-6396

Your Liturgy Commission wishes you a Joyful Lent!

Try to think of Lent as not a time of simply “giving up,” but rather a time of “doing more” to share the kingdom. Setting aside more time for prayer, reading scripture, and doing good works are some wonderful options. Or, perhaps this is a great time to finally commit to that one hour per week of Eucharistic Adoration.

I invite you this Lent to consider attending Mass on a more frequent basis to enhance your love relationship with God. We are blessed to be able to celebrate Liturgy twice each day at Mary Mother. Consider getting up a bit earlier to share the Liturgy with your parish family before beginning your day. Our 6:30 AM Liturgy is finished by 7:00 AM and allows most people to still get to work on time. The 8:30 AM Mass is also available each day if you don't need to be an early-riser. Whatever you choose, time with Our Lord brings “Joyful Lent” to each of the 40 days. Satisfaction Guaranteed!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Pat Dean 842-1887

Hope, as you travel through Lent, you are finding a way to become closer to God.

WOW – 57 of us are learning how Jesus prayed, in our 6-week series, ***Jesus, Man of Prayer***. An additional 12 are reading highlights of the narrative books of the Gospel in our 8-week ***Quick Adventure Through the Bible***.

All of the above are happening while several groups continue their study of the narrative books of the Bible in their 24-week Bible Timeline, which began last Fall, and should finish close to Easter.

And **GUESS WHAT?****WHAT?** If we all pray hard enough, it **might** start getting warm.

Whatever you are doing special to observe Lent, hope it will make you ready to sing the Easter **ALLELUIA!**

May God be with you.

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Susan Krieger 892-6167

Hello. Just a few quick notes: the Poker Tournament and Sound of Music were great successes thanks to Gary Leiendecker and crew and Anita Anton and her crew! We just had our first of **three** Lenten Fish Fries. We received rave reviews on the food, especially the fish! Many thanks to Pete Knobbe, John Giljum and teams for their cooking expertise. Very special Thanks to ALL of the volunteers who helped!

Don't miss the **Upcoming Fish Fries:**
March 5th and March 19th.

Dinners include: Entrée, 2 Sides, Dessert, and Tea, Lemonade or Coffee. Beer and Soda are available for purchase. Prices: \$7.00 for Fried Cod, Baked Fish, or Fried Jack Salmon, \$8.00 for Fried Shrimp or a Combo plate. Child's plate is \$4.00. The Side choices are: Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, or Macaroni & Cheese (which can also be an entrée for a Child). We also have Cheese Pizza.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Sean Kennedy 487-4046

Hello parishioners of MMOC! Let's see here....lately we have had a lot going on. With the Parish Council approving our idea of fixing up the basement of the annex, we have been going to work bleaching and cleaning the two rooms we are fixing. We've met a few Sundays after Mass; and everything is going great. We're still having prayer group every Wednesday night, with about five or more teens attending. Finally, we have been meeting every Saturday for about the past month and a half to prepare for the retreat we put on for the eight graders who are preparing to make their Confirmation. We have planned a lot of cool and fun things for them; and we can't wait for the weekend of Valentine's Day to finally have it.

God Bless,

The Youth Group at MMOC

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

Mary Jo Masterson 843-7438

I was at a meeting the other day, where the speaker referred to Ash Wednesday as the “first day of spring.” I had never thought of it that way; but it certainly seems appropriate. As the Lenten season unfolds, we are exposed more and more to new spiritual growth and eventually find wonderful sunshine in the beautiful feast of Easter. When I was growing up, we were always encouraged to give up something during Lent. However, in recent years we are advised to do something positive that will make a difference to those around us. As head of the Evangelization Commission, may I suggest an opportunity to help. As you know, the Ambassadors are an important part of our parish community. This is a group of people who welcome new parishioners and make phone calls at times when special contacts need to be made. We have been fortunate to have a dedicated group of about fifty people who have helped in these endeavors. In recent months, however, some of these ambassadors have had to drop out or retire from the program. We could really use some replacements. If you are interested in giving some of your time to a very worthwhile program, we would love to hear from you. Call me or leave your name at the parish office.

Happy Spring!

Mark Your Calendar

BOOK FAIR

Friday, May 14 4pm-8pm
Saturday, May 15 9am-3pm
Sunday, May 16 9am-3pm

\$5.00 admission fee

Bring your CDs, DVDs, tapes, videos and books to the church vestibule beginning March 6th.

Please, no magazines, textbooks, or Reader's Digest Condensed books.

Volunteers also needed to help sort. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Kim & Rich Blackford 845-9422

Service. The most common use for that word in our daily lives might be in reference to how attentive and quick the waitress was at our favorite restaurant. Well, it occurs to me that much of the Christian Service Commission is also about food. And that isn't much of a surprise. Food is a basic need. It's comforting. And it often comes with a healthy portion of fellowship. Those characteristics are also key to serving our brothers and sisters. The Christian Service Commission is responsible for the various food drives, funeral luncheons, sandwich shop, and delivering meals to sick parishioners. That's a lot of food! The last two ministries listed need new volunteers. Is Jesus asking you to fill that role? Sandwich shop offers three different times a month to get involved. The one needing the most help is held on the 3rd Tuesday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m. Preparing and delivering meals to folks who need a little extra help is something that is done whenever the need arises. If you've got questions just call us, Kim and Rich Blackford @ 845-9422.

ATHLETICS

Mary Ann Daust 892-7452

REGISTRATIONS are taking place. Please see the bulletin or go to the Mary Mother website under Athletics Web 8.5 for information and for registration.

May you and your family have a faith-filled Lent together. As it said in our Growing In Faith flyer, “God finds everything about YOU interesting.” So let's try to make time for Him during our Lenten pilgrimage.

Blessings to you and your family.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Craig Snavelly 487-8995

It's a busy time of year for all of us; but it's a great time to ask ourselves how we can give back to God for our blessings. One way is through our parish at MMOC. Discernment is fast approaching; and we have openings in our ministry (Health Ministry). This would be a great time to consider serving our Lord and our community.

Also, the monthly publication, “In The Pink,” is a publication regarding interesting articles on medical issues and health remedies. We are looking for articles of interest to publish in our monthly issue. Feel free to email or drop off an interesting article.

Many Blessings to you all!

TITHING

January 2010 (5 Sundays)

1. Central Catholic St. Nicholas School, \$800 – 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)

2. Our Lady of Guadalupe, \$1,000 – Provides support for the Parish and School. The school serves as an outreach to educating the poor. The donation helps pay for basic needs. (quarterly contribution since 1999)

3. St. Anthony Food Pantry, \$1,000 - Provides direct service to the poor. - (Since 1999) (Donating 6 x per year starting 2009)

4. Redemptorists, Region of Nigeria, \$800– Supports poor parishes in Nigeria as well as to help supply materials to the schools. Fr. Bob Wirth CSsR (Since 2004)

5. Special Olympics, \$ 300 – Provides mentally challenged people the opportunity to benefit from athletic and sports training.

6. Catholic Commission on Housing, \$1,000 – Assists low income level families to purchase first homes at a low interest rate, and provides financial counseling on home management. (since 1999)

7. St. Pius V Immigrant and Refugee Program, \$1,000 - Outreach to immigrants and refugees around St. Pius V parish. Direct services provided to the poor including medicine, rent, and clothing on an emergency basis.

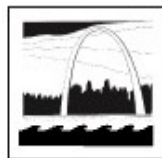
8. Mary, Mother Emergency Fund, \$ 800.

Catholic Relief Services – Haiti The Parish at large donated \$12,700 for direct aid for the survivors of the Haitian earthquake.

CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

Carl Hendrickson 892-6451

Disgusted with TV programs! As a Lenten Activity, CAP will be asking parishioners to join with it in petitioning the FCC to enforce broadcast decency laws. It is sitting on a backlog of 1.6 million complaints. Watch the bulletin for more information.



MCU for St. Louis

METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED ISAIAH

Ginny Schrappen 487-6584

MCU SPONSORS JUSTICE RETREAT

This Lent we are going to have a unique experience here at MMOC, called a Justice Retreat. As a member of Metropolitan Congregations United, we intend to have a Healthy Communities Retreat, where we will reconnect our faith values that tell us we are all people created in God's image and that our fates are intertwined. We will identify the forces – external and internal – that keep us divided. And we will consider ways to act collectively to overcome these forces together and transform our communities.

The date for the Healthy Communities Retreat is Saturday, March 6, 9 – 3 p.m. It will be a brown bag affair, with refreshments provided. So, there is NO cost involved. It will be held in our Parish Hall.

The more people who participate in this Retreat, the richer it will be and the greater the likelihood that it will have an impact on our community and the common good. Many of you already have participated in the ACTS Retreat, the Alpha Program, The Just Matters program. This Retreat would be a great follow up to any of those program. But, if you did not attend any of the aforementioned retreats/ programs, you should still consider attending this innovative Retreat, which is especially geared for men and women.

PRO-LIFE

John Siesener 842-6408

In a letter to Father T, the director of the Life Line Coalition wrote: "Thank you and your parishioners for participating in this year's Life Line Coalition campaign and for your parish's donations totaling \$465.00. Through your parish's generous help, the Life Line Coalition will continue to offer practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. All donations go directly to the care providers for the women and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. Your parishioners' gifts exemplify their commitment to the sanctity and dignity of all human life." On behalf of the Coalition, the Pro-Life Committee and all who benefit from your generosity, thank you. Our next meeting is March 2nd, 6:30 p.m., in the upper Annex.

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 Preschool Jonah Team Lenten Movie Night - 7:00pm Parish Hall</p>	<p>1 PSR Classes</p>	<p>2 Exposition Quilters - TOPS Bible Study 9:15 Sr. Activity Group Pro-Life - 6:30 Jesus, Man of Prayer - 7:00 PEACE - 7:00</p>	<p>3 Exposition Cornerstone Tai Chi - 9:30 Child. Choir 4:30 PSR Classes Choir Prac - 7:15 Cancer Spt. 7:30</p>	<p>4 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 C. Serv. - 7:00 Choir Prac - 7:30 Liturgy - 7:30</p>	<p>5 Stations of the Cross - 3:00 Fish Fry - 3:30 Night - PAC 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 Justice Retreat Jonah Team Sports Trivia Night - PAC 6:30pm</p>
<p>14 Preschool Blood Press. Screening Confirm. - 7:00 Lenten Movie Night - 7:00pm Youth - 7:00pm Annex</p>	<p>8 PSR Classes Beg. Again - 7:00 Youth Comm. - Annex - 7:30</p>	<p>9 Exposition Quilters - TOPS Bible Study 9:15 Sr. Activity Grp. ACTS Core - 7:00 Jesus Man of Prayer Uniform Pickup Ret</p>	<p>10 Exposition Sandwich Shoppe Cornerstone Tai Chi - 9:30 PSR Classes Choir Prac - 7:15</p>	<p>11 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 Home Study Catechism - 7:00 Choir Prac - 7:30 Uniform Pickup & Return - Hall</p>	<p>12 Stations of the Cross - 3:00</p>	<p>13 Blood Pressure Screening Coaches Appre- ciation Dinner 6:30pm - Hall</p>
<p>21 Preschool UPDATE DUE MMSr. Social Group - 1:30 Gr. 7 Seder Meal Lenten Movie Night - 7:00pm Youth - 7:00pm</p>	<p>15 NO PSR Classes Teen Choir Practice - 7:30</p>	<p>16 Exposition Quilters/TOPS Bible Study 9:15 Sandwich Shoppe Health Comm 7:30 Social Comm 7:30 Jesus Man of Prayer Sr. Activity Grp.</p>	<p>17 Exposition Cornerstone Tai Chi - 9:30 Child. Choir 4:30 NO PSR Classes Athletics - 7:00 Choir Prac - 7:15 Evan. - 7:30</p>	<p>18 Exposition Yoga - 4:45 Choir Prac - 7:30 Citizens Against Pornography - 7:30pm</p>	<p>19 Stations of the Cross - 3:00 Fish Fry - 3:30</p>	<p>20 AED/CPR Classes rms. 182 - 8:30</p>
<p>28 Preschool Lenten Movie Night - 7:00pm Youth Group Service - 7:00</p>	<p>22 PSR Classes</p>	<p>23 Exposition Quilters/TOPS Sandwich Shoppe AD FIN - 6:30 PEACE - 7:00 Reconciliation Service - 7:30 Stitching - 6:30</p>	<p>24 Exposition Cornerstone Tai Chi - 9:30 PSR Classes Choir Prac - 7:15</p>	<p>25 Yoga - 4:45 Teen choir - 6:00 Choir Prac - 7:30 Parish Council Uniform Pickup & Return - Hall UPDATE collecting</p>	<p>26 Stations of the Cross - 3:00</p>	<p>27 1st Communion Retreat & Pot Luck 5th gr. Spring Service Project (Church Grounds)</p>
<p>29 PSR Classes</p>	<p>30 Exposition Quilters TOPS - 9:00 Sr. Activity Group Choir Prac - 7:15</p>	<p>31 Exposition Tai Chi - 9:30 Child. Choir 4:30 PSR Classes</p>				

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