



# The Visionary

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A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

## COME TO THE PICNIC !!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 11**. That is the date for our annual picnic. The evening will begin with 4:30 Liturgy, followed by the picnic, games for all ages, wagon rides and outdoor movie. Don't miss out on this great event. Come for all or any part of the evening. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners!

You are asked to bring a dish to share in a disposable container & something to drink (water will be available). The parish will provide serving utensils, hot dogs, ice cream, and table service.

Sign up sheets are in the gathering area so we know how many places to set for Mass and the meal! Games, a movie, fun, prizes, youth tin can raffle will also be a part of the evening fun!

## THE GYM HEATS UP!

The Activities Team has put together a schedule of activities for our new gym. We are especially grateful to several parishioners, especially Lee Ann Louis-Prescott and Kym Sulkowski, who have offered their training and expertise to help improve the health, fitness and well-being of our community! The new schedule begins mid-September. All activities are open to parishioners and friends free of cost.

|           |   |   |                     |
|-----------|---|---|---------------------|
| Monday    | Low-impact Aerobics 9:30-11am   | Middle School 6-8:30 ** &               | Men's BB 8:30-10 ** |
| Tuesday   | Open Walk time 9:30 -10:30 am -- Yoga 11:45-12:45 -- +50 Exercise 1:30 - 2:30 | Scouts 6-8:30 & Women's BB\VB 8:30-10** |                     |
| Wednesday | Open Walk time 9:30 -11am   | High School 6-9**                       | Men's BB 9-10:30**  |
| Thursday  | Low-impact Aerobics 9:30-11   | Yoga 5:45 – 6:45 pm                     | Men's BB 8:30-10**  |
| Friday    | Open Walk time (9:30-11)  | Couples' VB 7:30-9 **                   |                     |
| Saturday  | Boot Camp   | Community Life/Young Adults             |                     |
| Sunday    |   | High School 6-9                         |                     |

**\*\*ADULT SUPERVISION** The activities marked with asterisks indicate that we need supervisors for that activity. Supervisors would be present from the start of the activity: opening the doors, getting out or setting up equipment. They would lead a short prayer at the start and end of the activity. Make sure the policies for the use of the gym are observed during the activity. And finally at the end of the activity: make sure the equipment is properly put away, the facilities (gym and rest room) are left in good order for the next event, and the lights are out, doors locked and alarm is set. If you would be willing to take on this responsibility, please sign up at the Activities table in the Gathering Area! Thanks!

## from the PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, August 18, after the monthly Mass of Remembering. The council again welcomed the new members and reviewed the role of the Pastoral Council and its relationship to the Finance and Stewardship Councils and the ministry teams. The role of the Pastoral Council is to work closely with our pastor in the effort to create the parish envisioned in our parish Vision Statement. The Stewardship Council encourages all our parishioners to use their gifts and talents to achieve the goals set the Pastoral Council. The Finance Council assures that our parish budget funds those goals. In turn, each of the ministry teams work with the Pastoral Council to achieve different aspects of our vision according to each group's particular mission.

Ken Kuna was elected chair of the council and Karen Luck was chosen as vice chair. The council liaisons to other groups are: Madelyn Gostomski to Finance Council; Mark Wright to Stewardship Council; Dave Naumowicz to Activities; Susan Vitale to Charity and Justice; Colleen Schulte to Community Life; Denise Putnam to Evangelization; Sandi Oliver to Wellness; Dwayne Bilicki to Religious Formation; Laura Meader to Worship and Dan Schifko to Properties.

### The Members of the Pastoral Council

|                |                 |                           |                           |                |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Dwayne Bilicki | Karen Luck      | Madelyn Gostomski         | Laura Meader              | Dave Naumowicz |
| Sandy Oliver   | Mark Wright     | Ken Kuna                  | Susan Vitale              | Denise Putnam  |
| Dan Schifko    | Colleen Schulte | Ayla Grace (Youth)        | Debbie Dehanke, Secretary |                |
|                |                 | Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP | Fr. David F. Howell       |                |

## from the FINANCE COUNCIL

July 2010 - June 2011

### Projected Budget for 2010-2011

| <u>REVENUE SOURCES</u>        | <u>Fiscal Month</u> | <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Projected Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday Stewardship            | 95,833              | 1,150,000          | 1,150,000               |
| Building Fund Pledges         | 13,633              | 163,600            | 163,600                 |
| Religious Formation/Donations | 7,550               | 90,600             | 90,600                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>117,017</b>      | <b>1,404,200</b>   | <b>1,404,200</b>        |

**BUILDING FUND JULY 2010: \$28,229**

| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>Fiscal Month</u> | <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Projected Budget</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Programs & Staffing | 72,440              | 869,275            | 869,275                 |
| Building Operations | 14,577              | 174,925            | 174,925                 |
| Building Mortgage   | 30,000              | 360,000            | 360,000                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>117,017</b>      | <b>1,404,200</b>   | <b>1,404,200</b>        |

**BALANCE (plus/minus)**

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**1,404,200**

**BUILDING EXPENSE JULY 2010: \$154,686**

### The Members of the Finance Council

|              |             |              |              |               |                     |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Elaine Tripi | Mark Zawisa | Sean Carney  | Mary Brummer | Pat Shiek     | Madelyn Gostomski   |
| Duke Davis   | Erin Wolfe  | Larry Memmer | Greg Milosek | Marion Kocian | Fr. David F. Howell |

## from the STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Our August meeting was sparsely attended, but the Stewardship Council discussed the upcoming Ministry Fair which will be held in September. The spring fair focused on the different planning groups that are a part of parish leadership. The fall ministry fair focuses on the different tasks or jobs that are a part of the achieving the goals set by our ministry teams. The different tasks are listed in this Visionary and the sign up will begin September 18.

### The Members of the Stewardship Council

|                   |               |                       |                           |                     |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Brigitte Burke    | Jim Chevalier | Madelyn Gostomski     | Joe Martinez              | Sharon Rossiter     |
| Mary Helen Buntin | Ted Zvosec    | (Chair) Sharon Wagner | Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP | Fr. David F. Howell |

# GOD BLESS OUR EDUCATORS

The people of our parish have a wide variety of occupations, but three groups in particular stand out. That is because in many ways their job is also a ministry within our larger community. The first group is those who work in an educational setting – teachers, assistants, secretaries, bus drivers, maintenance and more. They enable others to grow in knowledge, wisdom and understanding (the first three gifts of the Holy Spirit!) We will pray for and bless our parishioners who teach or work in an educational setting during our **GREEN MASS ON SUNDAY, SEPT 26 AT 11 AM!**

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION *from Mary Mahar*



**Welcome back to Religious Formation!** We are starting out the year with an **OPEN HOUSE, Sunday September 12, from 10-12:30.** This will give you the opportunity to see which room your youth are in and meet your catechists and aides. We are busy getting organized and ready for classes!

We have new changes to announce! **Nicole Hurlbert** is our new Formation Assistant and **Diane Neitzke** is our new Formation Coordinator (lead catechist) for grades: 2, 3, 4, 7 and Family Program. Jill Gautherat - grade 1, Kevin Blanck - grade 6, Jennie Ross - grade 5, and Beth Slack - grades 10, 8 and Home Study will be returning as lead catechists. We are all excited to start this year with new ideas and lots of energy!

**Home Study: Start-up meeting for parents and youth will be on Sunday, September 12, at 10:15** right after the 9am Liturgy. All those in long-term home study must attend this meeting with Beth Slack (our Lead Catechist for Home Study) to receive all the information and details for home study families. *Short-term* home study students *must* attend the first day of class to pick up their materials. In addition, parents need to contact their child's catechist for the information needed for the 6 weeks of home study.

**Grade 10** classes have begun and will resume on September 12! The **Rite of Enrollment** will be celebrated at the **11am** Liturgy on **September 19** followed by class that evening at 5:30. Confirmation is set for Sat, Nov 20, at 4:30, with rehearsal Fri, Nov 19, at 6pm.

**On Wednesday and Thursday, September 15 & 16** our traditional classes begin! (Summer seems to fly by!) Parents of all grades are invited to attend our beginning prayer service during your child's class time to start our year. **Sunday Classes begin September 19! Kindergarten** at 9 & 11 and **Grade 9** at 5:30 in the evening.

**REGISTER** for fall classes in the office from 9am -8:30 pm Mon-Thurs and 9am – 4:30pm on Fridays. Our traditional classes meet Wednesday and Thursday, 4:30-6 or 6:30-8; high school (grades 9 & 10) meet Sunday evening, 5:30-7; (they are invited to stay for youth group from 7-9!). Kindergarten has openings Sunday during the 9 and 11am Liturgies. Our Family Program has openings and meets two Sundays per month after the 9am Liturgy, and is designed for formation for the whole family at the same time!

**WE CAN'T START WITHOUT YOU!** We still need catechists, aides, nursery attendants, hall monitors and substitutes for all our class times. Please come forward to help as we can't start classes without you! Please see the poster in the gathering area or call the office at 229-8624. Questions? E-mail me: mmahar@parishmail.com

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



- September 13:** Virtus 6 pm (class for anyone working with children)
- September 15/16:** Classes begin grades 1-8!
- September 19:** Home Study parent meeting 10:15  
Kindergarten & grade 9 classes begin! (10<sup>th</sup> grade also at 5:30 pm)  
Rite of Enrollment for grade 10 Confirmation candidates - 11 Liturgy
- September 26:** Virtus 10:15 (class for anyone working with children)  
11am "Green Mass" for ALL in the teaching/educational environment
- October 3:** Family Program starts at 10:30.

## YOUTH NEWS *from Margaret Callaghan*

It is back to school for everyone now! The colors will start to change on the trees and the evening air will become crisp and the sounds of high school football games can be heard in the far off distance. As many of you know, it's my absolute favorite time of the year! As the season begins to change, may you take a minute to reflect on all that summer was for you and all that you hope the school year will bring.

September 11 is our annual parish picnic; yet another sign of the fall season and all it brings. Join us for an outside Liturgy then a potluck picnic dinner, kid games for all ages and then, of course the youth sponsored *Tin Can Raffle*. What a great addition this has been to the festivities. The tables will "open" following the Liturgy and then will close at 7pm. Each ticket will cost a \$1 and all the proceeds will go to help cut the cost of future youth group events. You do not need to be present to win. Bring labels with your name and phone number to stick to the raffle ticket. It saves on time.

We begin our weekly Sunday evening meetings for the high school youth on September 12 at 7 pm in the Youth Room. Our annual freshman kidnapping was a great success and we had an awesome time getting to meet new people and realizing the opportunity for new friendships. Thank you to the adults who helped with transportation for the evening and to the leadership team who spent many hours and meeting times together to plan for such a great night! Good job guys!!

**JOINT FALL RETREAT** Check out the parish website for all the information regarding the weekend retreat Sept. 25- 26. I understand this is the weekend of Hartland and Howell's Homecoming dances. For those not interested in going and would like an alternative activity, plan to make this the event for you! We are joining 5 other local parishes. For an additional fee of \$25, you can challenge yourself to the high ropes course at the Walled Lake Outdoor Educational Center. Again, if you visit the webpage, you can find out more about the retreat center and the high ropes course. Contact me at [youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org) for questions.

The gym will be open on Wednesday evenings for high school youth to come and use. We are still looking for adult supervisors. Please contact me at the email address mentioned above.

## EDGE for 6 - 8 graders



We are set and anxiously awaiting the first meeting! Mark your calendars for Monday, September 27. We begin at 7 pm and will have fun till 8:30. We have a great meeting planned—one that will set the tone for the year! Come prepared to have fun, make new friends and eat good food! Visit our parish website, click on the youth tab and that is where you will find the EDGE tab. Download the dates for the year to be sure you don't miss the fun. See you soon!!

## MAGDALEN'S LITTLE PEOPLE *from Kathie Anderer*

*Raise a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

Back to school time has arrived! We are busy making plans for the new school year. Our Open House will be on Sunday, September 12 and we will be back into full swing that week. We do have openings available for three year old children. If anyone knows of someone looking for a Preschool in the Fall, please call the Preschool line for more information: (810) 229-0010. Leave a message with your phone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Our Staff for the 2010/11 School Year:

Kathie Anderer, director  
Sue Abraham, teacher 4 year olds  
Wende Cofield, teacher 3 year olds  
Ann Donohue, teacher 3 year olds  
Kathy Riccardi, teacher 4 and "Early 5's"



## OF FAITH & SERVICE *from Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF*

**SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP** The Fall session begins Monday, October 4 and Tuesday, October 5, both from 7–9 pm. History of Salvation is recommended as the first class to take in the School for Discipleship as the foundation for the Scripture classes. Ministry, Management, & Leadership is one of the latter classes to take as it offers ways to consider using the information received in the courses.

*History of Salvation* will be taught by Father Dave on Mondays. The Bible is the story of God's attempt to enter into a saving relationship with humanity. This course presents the history of the whole Bible to help participants better understand the story and the gift God offers.

*Ministry, Management & Leadership* will be taught by Sr. Maryetta on Tuesdays. This course is a theological study on models of leadership and management in order to develop skills for specific Church ministries.

### BIBLE STUDY

*Moses and the Torah* will be the Bible study for this year. It is offered twice on Thursdays from 10– 11:30 am and a parallel study in the evening from 7- 8:30 pm. The cost of the book is \$15. You also need to bring your Bible. This study is in response to the Jewish & Christian rituals that were discussed during the Lenten sessions. All who may have completed all the Scripture courses in the School for Discipleship may use this as an ongoing study. It begins September 16 with Sister Joyce as the facilitator.

**BAPTISMAL CLASSES** are required for all parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. Mary Magdalen. Two classes are offered to first time parents: The Baptism Awareness Class and the Instructions Class. **The Awareness Class** is offered 4 times during the year so it is good to attend one while you are still pregnant. The next offered Awareness Class is Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 pm.

**Baptism Instruction Classes** are held each month and all parents who want their child to be baptized must attend. Childcare is offered these nights upon your request. The next classes offered are Tuesdays, September 14 and November 16 at 7:30 pm. Choose either month to attend.

**SENIORS 50+ LUNCH BUNCH** The Seniors from Independence Village and Woodland Senior Center will be joining us this year as we have our monthly lunch and Birthday celebration. We will be putting together Birthday bags for Gleaners to distribute to children up to age 13. Please bring items for them if you wish. Thursday, September 9, lunch served at noon in the Community Room. Please R.S.V.P. to Sr. Joyce by Monday, Sept 6.

### GRIEF SUPPORT

It has been said that friendship multiplies joy and divides grief. If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one, consider joining with others who share the experience and understand the grief. Our Grief Support Group will begin anew on Monday, September 20. If you would like to know more, please call Sr. Maryetta at 810.229.8624.

### DIVORCE & BEYOND

It is a difficult and painful task to go through a divorce or separation; it is even more difficult to grow through the experience. If you or someone you know has experienced a divorce and would like to better understand and grow beyond it, please consider Divorce & Beyond. Our new group will begin on Friday, September 17. If you would like to know more, please call Sr. Maryetta or Deacon Jim at 810.229.8624.

## THANKS & PRAISE *from Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP*

Thanks and praise goes out to all the folks who work on the mailings each month. You do such a wonderful job of collating, organizing and making sure this Visionary gets to the Post Office in a timely manner.

Thanks also goes out to all the great people who make our Blood Drives so successful by registering people, making them feel comfortable and seeing that they are alright before they go home! You are the best!

Jacob Tuthill deserves a great deal of thanks for all the time he put in to make the barn look great. Jacob cleaned, sorted, organized and inventoried everything in the barn. Great Job, Jacob!



## Brighton Area CROP Hunger Walk 2010

Date: 10/10/2010 Walk: Begins at 2:00 p.m

**REGISTRATION:** 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church or pre-register at St. Mary Magdalen's Charity & Justice Table, or join our team online at

<http://www.churchworldservice.org>

According to Church World Service, "CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide and in the US to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year some two million CROP Hunger Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world and in their own communities. And you can be part of it!"

Thanks to our local CROP Walk Sponsors: BABS Deli & Executive Financial Planning, Inc.

## The DEACON'S BENCH from Dave Scharf

First of all, to all who helped Judy and I celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, we would like to say a great big "Thank You." Our prayers go out to all of you.

On another note: some of you are aware that for the last dozen weeks we have been running a series by Dave Ramsey titled "Financial Peace". A number of parishioners have found this series enlightening and worthwhile. I would like to share with you one of the topics from one of the classes.

The average job is now only 2.1 years in length. This means that the average worker could have as many as 20 different jobs in his/her working lifetime. Small business is changing the way we think about work, 98.3% of the companies in America have fewer than 100 employees. One question that was presented was "How can you know where you ought to be and what you ought to be doing if you don't know who you are?" Some say you change as you grow but in reality you do not outgrow your personality. Some others say you will learn and grow the most in the areas in which you are weakest. Wrong, you grow in your strength. You will grow the most in the areas that you already know and love the most.

Career coaches remind us that money is ultimately never enough compensation for doing a job. You need to find something that blends your skill, abilities, personality traits, values, dreams and passions. In other words "have a dream and have a passion". To do this you must have some insight into how you process decisions and what your natural tendencies may be (Personality Traits).

Are you a **Dominant** person who is a hard-charging driver that is task-oriented and first looks to problems? Only 10% of people are drivers. Or are you an **Influencing** person, that is people-oriented, outgoing, and generally concerned about people-pleasing, so you look first to people. Only 25 % of these types of people are expressive. Maybe you are what's called a **Stable** person that is one who is amiable, loyal does not like conflict and are concerned about peace. This amiable group makes up 40% of people. Lastly, a **Compliant** person is one who is analytical, loves detail factual, who loves procedures. These analytical make up 25% of the people.

Whatever your personality type is you always work to your strengths. God be with you.

## The OTHER BENCH from Jim Chevalier

With society taking on the mantra of "If it feels good, do it" Christians seem to have a tougher time understanding just what sin really is. Yes, we all know that sin is an offense against God; and we all know that sin is doing something that is contrary to the Ten Commandments. But do we really know what offends God, or do we actually know the Ten Commandments? If not, I would suggest we find out ASAP! Sin can sometimes be very subtle and we don't fully realize what we are doing, or saying.

How can it be a sin if I don't know it's a sin? And generally speaking, if I am totally unaware of what I am doing, it would not be a sin. But what if I have the sense that it might be wrong? What effect does your speech or your actions have on others? So you see that sin can often get very messy.

I recently read about the Seven Sins that Ghandi (India's Great leader) proclaimed: 1) Wealth without sharing, 2) Worship without sacrifice, 3) Pleasure without conscience, 4) Politics without principle, 5) Knowledge without character, 6) Commerce without morality, and 7) Science without humanity. And if you really think about it, all sin can be avoided with LOVE; Love of God and love of neighbor.



### **This month we will again begin our “Faith Inquiry “ series.**

Faith Inquiry is the first phase of the process of becoming Catholic. Our group will begin meeting on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic is welcome. Our sessions are every Monday evening at 7 pm. We also provide a children’s session (for children 7 years of age and older) on Monday evenings. Call me if you are interested (810)229-8624 ext. 128 or just come on Monday evening. Adults meet in the East Room and the children in the Library.

What exactly happens at Faith Inquiry? Our inquirers come with their questions and concerns; find answers and share stories about God, about Christ, about what we believe, about the Catholic faith and most importantly about our lives. Faith Inquiry helps us to recognize God’s activity in our lives. We look at the many aspects of being Catholic and what it means for us. Inquirers are embarking on a journey that we are all on: the journey of a lifetime, always changing, often surprising, the journey of faith!

Have you considered becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass and have not been able to receive the Eucharist with your family because you are not Catholic? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith but feel a sense of belonging in the Catholic Church? Come to Inquiry and find out more about what it means to be Catholic or call me in the parish office for more information. (810) 229-8624 ext. 128.

## **SERVANT OF MANY** *from Gary Prise*

I know many are wondering about the status of Magdalen’s Kitchen. Our target date is still September 13. The interest in the kitchen has been beyond my wildest dreams. When we first began recruiting volunteers Father Dave, Deacon Dave and I each estimated the number of people who would volunteer. Needless to say, Father Dave was closer to the final number which was higher than any of us projected. I under-estimated the number horribly; that’s probably why I don’t gamble, I’d rather give my money to a charity than, well you know.

We are in the process of organizing the names and putting together teams. We are looking for a couple of people to be team captains. If you have volunteered for some aspect of the kitchen and are interested in leading a team please contact me or call (810.229.8624, ext 119) or email [deacon3@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:deacon3@saintmarymagdalen.org).

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he or she has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him or her? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (James 2:14-17).

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for living your faith out loud and taking Christ to the world.

## **COUNCIL COMMENDATIONS**



The Council would like to commend the team that went to Nashville and helped the wonderful people rebuild their lives. The group from our parish who went down for a week and dedicated their time and talent were: Elissa Crabbe, Kateri Eisenhut, Meg Heatley, Ayla Hill, Leanne Horning, Katelyn Jelso, Herbie Langer, Melonie Leonard, Jessica Neitzke, Shane Neitzke, John Rahill, Liz Rahill, Hannah Reisser, Joe Stefanko, Nicole Trudeau, Dylan Videto, Jenny Weingartz, Margaret Callaghan, Stasia Eisenhut, Bruce Heatley and Gary Prise. You are the best!

The Council would also like to commend all those who created Journey with Jesus this year. Tons and tons of children learned about Jesus, made Him a part of their lives, shared songs and creatively expressed themselves in a variety of ways. Lisa Klein and her crew did an awesome job! Lisa’s crew included: Diane Neitzke, Jill Gautherat, Jon Twork, Jenny Weingartz, Matt Williamson, Maddie Klein, Shane Neitzke, Shannan Pereira, Mike Luck, Laura Bilbrey, Gayle Zawisa, Janine Schiefelbein, Kevin Mahar, Taylor Jayne, and Ayla Grace. Thanks for making the week SO-SO-O-O-O-O Special!

# MARKING THE CALENDAR

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## September 11 (Saturday) **PARISH PICNIC**

Our annual parish picnic begins with the **4:30 pm Liturgy** outside and then continues with food & fun on our parish grounds. (If it rains—the Liturgy and picnic will be inside !!).

## September 18 **SIGN UP FOR TASK MINISTRIES**

Sign up for a variety of ministries begins after each of our weekend Liturgies. **NEW** and **RENEWING** ministers must sign up to serve during the coming year. Thanks!!

## September 15/16/19 **FIRST SESSIONS of RELIGIOUS FORMATION of Youth**

Religious Education begins with sessions on Wednesday at 4:30-6 and at 6:30-8 pm and Thursday at 4:30-6 and at 6:30-8 pm; on Sunday at 9 & 11 am for Kindergarten and at 5:30 pm for 9<sup>th</sup> graders (10<sup>th</sup> graders started with their retreat the weekend of August 15);

## September 26 (Sunday) **GREEN MASS to bless all TEACHERS !!**

We will pray for and bless teachers & all who work at educational institutions during this Liturgy at 11 am.

## September 26 (Sunday) **PANCAKE BREAKFAST !!**

Our Knights of Columbus will be cooking up Breakfast! Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and more will be served in the Community Room from 9:30 to 12:30!! A great meal at a great price for all!!

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# WHAT ARE YOU DOING - FOR GOD'S SAKE?

## STEWARDSHIP FAIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18 !

*It has been said that what we are as individuals with gifts, talents and abilities is God's gift to us. What we make of ourselves is our gift to God. Stewardship is an expression of our gratitude to God, by sharing with others some of the time, talent & treasure God has given to us!*

*The following are descriptions of the various ministry teams which are organized to advance our efforts to fulfill our Vision. Parishioners are invited to make a one year commitment to work with others in these ministries.*

### WELCOMING TEAM

The Welcoming Ministry Team enables new people to become full members of the parish. Team members contact those who have expressed an interest in joining and set a time and date to meet. During the visit the member presents a welcome packet that includes our Vision Statement and other information on the parish. After explaining our parish, opportunities for involvement and answering questions, the team member fills out a registration form with the new parishioner. The team member then follows up by meeting the new parishioners at a weekend Liturgy in order to introduce them to other members of the parish. Those who volunteer for this ministry make a one year commitment.

### SAMARITANS

The Samaritans are a group, who, like the Good Samaritan in the Scriptures, tend to the immediate needs of fellow parishioners. There are four sub-groups: transportation, meals, household help and funeral luncheons. When a parishioner is seriously ill or hospitalized, the Samaritans provide short-term help of meals, transportation or other household help. Volunteers provide a dish for funeral lunches and some help serve. Transportation is provided to those who are unable to drive themselves to Mass, to medical appointments or to shop. We are in desperate need of volunteers, especially those who can help us during the day or weekdays.

### RCIA SPONSOR

Each year some of our parishioners enter the "Journey of Faith" which leads them to join our Church at Easter. RCIA Sponsors join these candidates in the fall for the rest of their journey. Sponsors participate in the Sunday sessions and offer their candidate support and encouragement throughout the journey. Sponsors are people of faith who are willing to share that gift with others! Volunteers are placed in the sponsor pool and if chosen make a one year commitment to this ministry.

### PARISH HEALTH TEAM

This is a ministry team of health care professionals who work with our Parish Wellness Team to share their knowledge with the community in a variety of informational and service programs geared to our better health. Those who join this ministry should be trained health care professionals. Folks are asked to sign up for a specific project of this ministry team: blood pressure weekends, blood drives, special events. Volunteers make a one year commitment to this ministry.

**BLOOD PRESSURE:** Trained health professionals take blood pressures of their fellow parishioners once a month after Liturgy. A one year commitment to this ministry can improve lives!

**BLOOD DRIVES:** We have 6 blood drives annually. These volunteers assist with the registration, canteen and Red Cross staff. A one year commitment to this ministry can improve lives.

### KITCHEN KEEPERS

With *Magdalen's Kitchen* soon to begin, we are in need of 10 people can commit to 1-2 hours a month to help in the kitchen with simple tasks that will keep everything in order (filling sugar, creamer, salt & pepper shakers; wiping and counting silverware; organizing equipment and paper products, etc) in short, keeping everything in order for use. Volunteers make a one year commitment to this ministry.

### 50+ MINISTRY TEAM

Members of this team will be attentive to the spiritual, social, educational, emotional and physical needs of our aging parishioners. Duties would include planning and leading meetings and activities, contact with seniors by phone or in person, driving Seniors and attending a County-wide meeting 4 times per year. Commitment would include a daytime planning meeting and an activity each month. Volunteers make a one year commitment to this

## RESURRECTION CHOIR

Singers and musicians are invited to be a part of a new and special Liturgical ministry. They provide the consolation of musical prayer at funeral Liturgies. *If you choose this ministry, you need to be available to serve on weekdays, when most funerals occur.* Volunteers for this ministry make a one-year commitment.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Everyone who enjoys knitting or croqueting (at any level) is invited to join this ministry of creating shawls, lap robes and baby blankets for people needing to be enfolded in God's love and care for them (and ours too!) Those who have these skills meet on Wednesday afternoons from noon to 2 pm. Volunteers for this ministry make a one year commitment.

## LITURGICAL ART & ENVIRONMENT

The Liturgical Art & Environment Task Group works in conjunction with the Worship Ministry Team to enhance our worship space for the seasons and special feasts during the Church Year. They meet for planning but most of the work is done in small groups or by individuals. Volunteers for this ministry make a one year commitment.

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Hardly a day goes by without some one asking for prayer for a special need. This is a commitment to pray for the needs of our fellow parishioners and the parish. Ministers of prayer commit themselves to pray for one hour each month in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Our prayer requests will be placed there. The prayer minister prays for these during their hour and takes the requests with them to continue their prayer through the rest of the month.

## SPECIAL ABILITIES

There is always a need for folks with special skills. It may be woodworking, sewing, calligraphy, metal working and many others. If you have a special skill and would be willing to place this gift at the service of the community, there will be a sign up sheet for you. Those who sign up would be willing to donate their time and talent to the parish in response to a need that would arise over the next year.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

Each weekend we serve coffee & donuts after the Liturgy, providing the opportunity for us to continue the community we have just celebrated. The role of those hosting is to set up beforehand and to clean up afterward. It requires about 30 minutes before and after the Liturgy. Those who choose this ministry serve about six times a year (once every other month) and are asked to make a one year commitment.

## PARTY PLANNERS

The Community Life Team has five events planned for the coming year. We are looking for folks to help plan and run the events. Sign up for one – or all of them!

- Halloween Party: Trunk or Treating (Saturday, October 23 from 7-9 pm)
- Advent by Candlelight: December 4 at 7pm
- Euchre Party (Saturday, November 13 & February 19 from 7-10 pm)
- Murder Mystery (Saturday, January 22 from 7:30-9 pm)
- Mardi Gras (Saturday, March 15 from 7-9:30 pm)
- Easter Egg Scramble (Saturday, April 23 at 12 noon)

## ACTIVITY SUPERVISORS

Activity Supervisors oversee the use of the gym during the evening programs. They open the doors, set up equipment; lead a short prayer at the start and end of the activity and make sure the policies for the use of the gym are observed. At the end of the activity they make sure the equipment is properly put away, the facilities (gym and rest room) are left in good order for the next event, and the lights are out, doors locked and alarm is set. Volunteers for this ministry make a one year commitment.



*"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."* Lewis Cass