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*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’*

*Mark 1:3*

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford, having a deep faith in the providence of God our Father, the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the presence of The Holy Spirit, proclaim that it is our mission to spread the Good News of Christ so that we may welcome Him into our lives.

Unified in this belief, our faith community will provide a spiritual atmosphere as a means for attaining a deeper understanding of the will of God and for sharing this vision with others in faith, in works and in fellowship.

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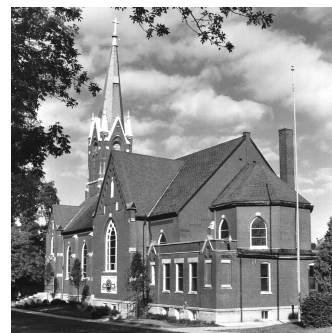
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*We extend a warm WELCOME to these newly  
registered parishioners!*

1. Ian, Rebeca, Calum & Bryar Morgan
2. Chad, Mariwin, Sarah, Elliana & Jonathan Torgerson
3. D. Randall, Jennifer, Vivian, Fiona & Amelia Lewis
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## *From the Desk of the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

May “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” The Lord is gracious and merciful to all of his adopted children. I am very grateful to God for His many blessings upon our parish and school families this year. We have come to the Christmas season of 2015; a season of great joy and of gift-giving. The joy of Christmas gifts emanates from the joy of Christ’s incarnation into the world. God gave Himself through His Son to us. Therefore, our gift-giving flows from the gift of God to the world, to us.



To this regard, Prophet Elijah said to us through the woman of Zarephath that our being increases in the measure in which we give ourselves away to others. For the God of Israel, says, “The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth. Then, the widow of Zarephath left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the Lord had foretold through Elijah” (1Kings 17: 10-16). And so friends, if you’re linked to God who is gift Himself, you will never run dry and His grace will always abide with you.

Great news! Beginning with Advent, 2015 to Christ the King, 2016 the Church celebrates a universal Year of Mercy. In St. John Paul II’s commentary on the Image of Divine Mercy, he said “Anyone can come and look at this image of the merciful Jesus, His Heart radiating grace, and hear in the depths of his own soul what St. Faustina heard: ‘fear nothing. I am with you always.’ And if this person responds with a sincere heart ‘Jesus, I trust in you!’, He will find comfort in all his anxieties and fears. In this dialogue of abandonment, there is established between man and Christ a special bond that sets love free. And ‘there is no fear in love; perfect love casts our fear’” (1 Jn 4: 18).

For this reason, we have plans in place to increase and strengthen many channels of mercy in our parish family. Among these plans are: Our chapel shall be named Divine Mercy Chapel, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament shall be moved permanently to the chapel. Other plans are: there will be an additional confession time available third Sunday of every Month, 9:15-9:45am. There will be witness talks on the grace of mercy at the conclusion of Mass on every third Sunday of the month, and a Divine Mercy chaplet shall be prayed on the third Sunday as well, from 2:30-3:30pm. All are welcome to attend! You’re also welcome to invite me over to bless your home and enjoy a light meal with your family. Every ministry of our parish shall reflect on the true meaning of mercy at the beginning of their ministry meetings. Parishioners shall be encouraged to increase their acts of mercy in every facet of their lives. Mercy is certainly a gift we all can give and also receive. Please, pray for the success of the program!

Finally, for the newly baptized members of our parish and for those who joined our parish or school family this year, may the good Lord bless you and keep your family in His love. For those who received special blessings this year, know that we are rejoicing with you and your family. For those who experienced the loss of loved ones, job or dreams, know that our prayers are always with you and your family. For those who moved away from our parish for whatever reason this year, may you be blessed with a loving and caring new parish. And to all of you, have a blessed Christmas and New Year filled with God’s caring love.

Much love and prayers,

Father Sylvester A. Nnaso, M. Div., M.A., D. Min., Pastor

# JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has composed a special prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. In the prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, “with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.”

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father;  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.*

*Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the  
Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who  
manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen  
and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in  
weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in  
ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved,  
and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its  
anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace  
from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives  
and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of  
Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*



*Luke 6:36 Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.*



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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, Grades K through Confirmation

By Jan Olson, CRE



## CATECHESIS: ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING SACRAMENT

**2015/2016**

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO WELCOME AND THANK A FEW NEW PEOPLE  
WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED IN TEACHING AND HELPING OUR CHILDREN.

- ❖ GABRIELA BALSECA
- ❖ BRIGID BRENNAN
- ❖ MARGE CALDERONE
- ❖ ERIN DAVIS
- ❖ NICK OLEFERCHIK
- ❖ JANEL SULLIVAN
- ❖ JIM VAUGHN

### RE DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 11	SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION - 7:00PM
DECEMBER 16	RE CHRISTMAS FAMILY SOCIAL - WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 20	RE CHRISTMAS FAMILY SOCIAL - SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 3	CATECHIST MEETING – 6:00PM
FEBRUARY 8	FIRST COMMUNION PARENT & CHILD MEETING 6:00PM

### CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 6	CONFIRMATION CLASS 4 – CHURCH/PARISH HALL 6PM
JANUARY 3	CONFIRMATION CLASS 5 – CHURCH/PARISH HALL 6PM
FEBRUARY 21	CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 – CHURCH/PARISH HALL 6PM

**CONFIRMATION DATE WITH BISHOP DAVID MALLOY  
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## RCIA

By Joseph Hahn

### What is the RCIA Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens?

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is for inquirers in the RCIA process who are preparing for their Baptism. They are now ready to publicly declare their intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholic. At this Rite, they are asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God, and are also signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. In this Rite, our parish community has the opportunity to more fully participate in and pray for those in the RCIA process. This Rite places these catechumens in a formal relationship with the universal Church. By Church law, the Pope and all bishops are to pray for those who have gone through this Rite. We encourage all fellow parishioners to pray for our catechumens as well as all those in the Universal Church, as they continue in the initiation process over the coming months, and to reach out to them as fellow members of the Household of the Holy Trinity.

**Why is the parish community important at the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming, and when will these Rites be celebrated?**

This year we have one inquirer who will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens. Members of our parish community are called by Holy Mother Church to affirm that we are ready to help and support her to follow Christ. The Rite of Acceptance is traditionally celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent, and can be offered multiple times, depending upon when a given inquirer is ready to move forward. Let us pray that her heart and ours are opened more and more to Christ this Advent Season.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

By Christ A. Kalamatas, Principal

Our Mission Statement:

*We, Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School, promote life-long learning centered on Catholic faith and virtues.*

We are well into our second quarter of the 2015-16 school year. We appreciate the wonderful support and cooperation of our parish. Along with neighboring parishes that our school also serves, including St. Mary (Huntley), Sacred Heart (Marengo), St. Catherine of Genoa (Genoa), St. Mary (Gilberts), and SS Peter and Paul (Virgil), our rich tradition of Catholic education continues through the fine service and contributions of service groups such as the *Catholic Order of Foresters* and the *Knights of Columbus*, and donating corporations such as WR Meadows/SealTight, and Target, among others.

Our Veterans' Day gathering on Wed. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> was a great success as many veterans accepted our invitation to attend a special breakfast with our school after Mass. All veterans and their families were invited to attend and in keeping with the teachable moment, we asked our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to personally welcome and join our guests at the table to break bread together. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders provided service and our elementary students provided entertainment with some touching and patriotic songs and poetry, and *Patriot's Pen* essay contest winners read their essays. This event was an example of great parish and community fellowship with our school children, bridging and bonding the generations.

Some other highlights of this school year thus far:

- continuation of wonderful programs such as *Family Adoration* and *Project Genesis*;
- we will be upgrading our computer lab with 24 new iMacs to be installed shortly;
- continued outstanding advancements in Technology for students, now with three total computer labs in our school, the integration of iPads in classes as early as Preschool, *SmartBoard* capability in each classroom, and cutting-edge supplementary programs such as *Mathletics*, *Accelerated Reader*, and *EasyTech*;
- our ongoing relationships with The Catholic Order of Foresters, Knights of Columbus, the Golden Agers and many parishioners in general through our Calendar drawing and Book Fair;
- the support of our PSO with their fund raising efforts, hot lunch, student sponsored activities, etc. They have been doing a tremendous job and all of their hard work is appreciated.

Special events in support of the *Year of Divine Mercy* will be incorporated in our school days as well as a continued effort for a greater sharing of our God-given gifts through *stewardship*.

Our alumni, parishioners, and the community are invited to our Christmas Programs with our Preschoolers and Kindergarteners, as well as our Band, performing on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vocal program will be on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Our children appreciate your encouragement and support of their performances. All are welcome.



As we approach the Christmas holiday season, we are grateful for all of the blessings God has given our school and parish. Our recent Iowa Assessment scores were very favorable, which is a testimony to our hard working teachers who truly care about our kids. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week this year from January 31-February 5, 2016, starting with 10:45 Mass on Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup>, and Open House immediately following in the school.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the students and staff here at St. Charles Borromeo School, to wish everyone a safe, restful, and holy holiday season.

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# STEWARDSHIP

By Jerry Wiland

Excerpts from "The Power of Pure Stewardship"  
By Carl W. Berner Sr.

## Time, for What?

No person who is faithful to the Holy Spirit can regard himself as useless and valueless after he has seen how precious the redemption of the human soul from death to life really is. Not until we understand the tragedy of the eternal loss of the human personality will we cease putting a low value on self and trifling with life as a sacred trust.

If life is a sacred trust so is the time upon which life feeds. It is God's intention that His children weave into the fabric of time worthwhile activities in the service of God and mankind. God wants us to fill every new page of life with singing faith, joyful praise, radiant hope, and loving service.

Boredom vanishes when earthly hours are filled with the music of life attuned to the ecstasies of eternity. In terms of everyday living this means that a Christian steward is never off duty. There is no time when he is excused from service to his Lord. This does not mean that we must always be on our knees repenting, praying, or reading the Bible. It means that wherever we are or whatever we are doing, we belong to God and are in His service. It is this inner attitude of having a mind and a heart for God and His cause that goes with us like our shadow, whether it be to a ball game, an outing, a picnic, or a social gathering.

As Christian stewards, we may not choose to do with our time what we wish. Time, like money, is precious, but unlike money we cannot store it up. We can use it only when it is there. Time is like a flowing river; one can never step into the same water again.

One of the immense tragedies of our day lies in the loss of the vast resources of time available to Christian men and women which is not being administered for Christ and Christian service. Intelligent and alert stewards who view the present in terms of eternity will wisely provide safeguards against all wanton waste of time. When Christians shrug off Christian work on the "I have no time" pretext, they perhaps would be stating the case more honestly by saying "I am not willing to set aside any time for God."

All powers of our personality have been redeemed by a divine Savior, and they belong to Him, to be used according to His will and to His glory. When a man believes that and tries to act upon it, he becomes radiant with power and aflame with a desire to share in the reclaiming of mankind through the message of redemption and a life filled with service to God and man.

**If you have been thinking of nominating someone for Stewardship Recognition, please use the form to the right and put it in the Stewardship Recommendation box in the Church narthex.**



## Burlington-Hampshire Area Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is located at 147 Mill Street

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# STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION

## **Peg and Bill Freeman** By Jerry Wiland



Peg, and later Bill, Freeman have been in Saint Charles Borromeo parish since 1978, some 37 years. Peg was raised in this parish. Bill and Peg met in business college and married about a year and half later. Soon after their marriage in 1968, Bill was drafted into the Army. Upon completion of his service, they lived in South Elgin until moving to Hampshire. Peg practiced her Catholic faith while Bill practiced his Lutheran faith. Attendance at SCB school for their 3 children was the motivation for their move. Both Bill and Peg had received their elementary education in a parochial school. Meanwhile they continued in their separate faith practices.

Peg became involved in various ministries almost immediately upon returning to her home parish and Bill worked with the youth at Trinity Lutheran. As their children grew older, Bill realized his gift of coaching could be an asset to SCB. That resulted in a 17 year commitment to which he added Athletic Director in his later years. His involvement at SCB was such that some parishioners thought that he was a member of the Church and a practicing Catholic. In fact, Bill even received a nomination for a Council when, at that time, nominations came from the people at Mass. That may have been the beginning of his journey into the Catholic faith. He was attending Mass with his family and started realizing how much he was missing by not being able to fully participate and receive communion. This fact and the words of Monsignor Clausen, pastor at that time, hit home with Bill and he decided to convert to Catholicism. And all Peg could say was “WOW, 18 years of prayer, thank you God”!

Since that time, they have been involved in numerous ministries. Peg served as a member on the Finance and Education Councils, as an aide at SCB school and CCD teacher, 30 years as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Life, hospitality, Art and Environment, LOTW, Cursillo, and Adoration. Likewise Bill has been on the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Eucharistic Minister, Kof Cs, LOTW, Cursillo, a Money Counter and Adoration. And together they have taught high school Religious Ed in their home, headed Baptismal Prep, and cared for the parish grounds at times.

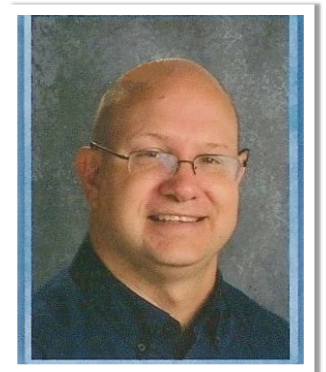
They feel they have been blessed and want to give back to God and their parish. They realize and state that “Faith without good works is worth nothing” and they have been open to the Holy Spirit to guide them in their faith journey. They are grateful for the people they have come to know through their participation in the various parish and school ministries and for their many lasting friendships. Per the Freemans, “people who answer the Holy Spirit are ingrained with doing things for other people and we should never minimize what the Holy Spirit is asking of us”.

The Freemans’ stewardship and volunteering not only occurs in our parish, but extends to their part time winter RV haven in Florida. Support to the poor and less fortunate is just one of the many causes their

RV park and friends continue to work for while away from home. The Freemans state that they are “touched, humbled and honored” for being recognized for their service. They hope that they can be an example and encouragement for others to open their hearts to parish life. And as the person who recommended Peg and Bill for Stewardship Recognition stated, “they display consistent Catholic values, give freely of their time and talent, and participate in numerous parish ministries”.

## **Joseph Hahn By Kel Kissamis**

Like many other parishioners, Joseph Hahn is a life-long member of our Saint Charles Borromeo family, and he has had a wide variety of stewardship opportunities in which he has taken part through both family and parish. As the seventh of nine children born in his family, Joseph is an alumnus of our own SCB School, and returned there in 2008 to serve in a capacity for which he is highly prepared, that of Religion instructor for all our middle school SCB students, grades 5 through 8. This gives him a prime opportunity to be involved in the most important stewardship in which he believes we can participate, that of evangelization. He has helped instill in our youth the knowledge of and importance of stewardship, and they are well prepared to be highly participatory stewards not only in our parish and community, but certainly in their own families as well.



Family example was a wonderful model for Joseph, starting with his parents, Peter and Nora, who have served the Church and our community for many decades, participating in countless ministries themselves, especially dedicating more than 30 years together to pregnant women and their unborn children. Joe credits his parents and their response to God for his sense of stewardship today.

In addition to his current stewardship and evangelization through our parish school, Joseph also leads our RCIA ministry, providing Catechesis for area adults wishing to become Catholic and prepare to receive the sacraments. An Altar Server as a youth, past ministries in which he has participated and provided stewardship as an adult have included the Liturgy Committee, Pastoral Council (with one year as chair), Adoration Committee, Respect Life Committee, Confirmation Prep, other Adult Catechesis, and also as a charter member of our Light of the World parish retreat, still a part of small-group evangelization after more than 10 years. Realizing that strength comes from the Eucharist, and that the Lord has shown us how He loves us infinitely, has helped make stewardship natural for Joseph. Additionally, coming from a larger family makes stewardship not only more natural, but almost an all-permeating way of life, as many of his siblings have also been involved in and set fine examples of stewardship throughout the years, including with the Pro-Life ministry in Kane County.

Joseph has seen stewardship in our parish and community flourish over the years, not only in maintaining the fine community and parish that we have, but also with evangelization blossoming as time goes on. He feels we have been progressively better stewards of the main mission of the Church, especially in recent years. That is certainly an area of stewardship we can all participate in for the betterment of our parish, our community, and certainly our own families as well!

# ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

By Kay Nelson

## Feeling Blessed and Thankful!

As I write this, we are approaching the celebrations of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas...times to reflect on our blessings and give thanks. Recently our St. Vincent DePaul Conference chose new officers. We are grateful to those who have served the conference for the entire six years of our existence, Ray Pryor as president, Gene Wojtal as Vice President, Diana Grandt as secretary, and Jim Vaughn as treasurer. In October, we commissioned our new officers who will serve for the next three years, Susan Wiland and Kay Nelson our new co-presidents, Jim Mancini our new vice president, and happily two returning players, Diane Grandt as secretary and Jim Vaughn as treasurer. As we celebrated this new beginning, we reflected on the many graces and blessings we have experienced over the past six years.

We have come a long way since we met to form our conference on a chilly November evening six years ago. We have 18 active members who faithfully gather twice a month to grow spiritually and share their experiences serving the poor through home visits. We have associate members and contributing members who may or may not attend meetings, but who offer support for the Conference in various ways throughout the year.

This past year alone we made 108 home visits, touching the lives of 319 adults and children. We have provided more than \$30,000 in financial assistance for rent, utilities, food, gas, and much more. Each visit includes conversation, prayer, and an invitation to join us for Mass at St. Charles Borromeo. How can a relatively small parish such as ours offer assistance to those in need not only in Hampshire, but in Burlington, Pingree Grove, Marengo, and Genoa? The answer is we have very generous parishioners who make donations and support our fundraisers. We are so blessed and so grateful!

Word has spread and more are calling for help. This time of year as the cold weather approaches, the need for heat, shelter, and warm clothing increases. Many are still unemployed or underemployed, many are aging or disabled, some are experiencing a temporary setback due to illness or injury, and often there are small children involved. Each case is unique, each person a child of God to be loved and cherished. We find our funds shrinking more quickly which alarms us, but we trust that God will make sure we have what we need to continue our mission of serving His poor.

Our patron, St. Vincent DePaul said, "We should assist the poor and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others...to do this is to preach the Gospel by word and work."

We ask that in this season of gratitude and giving each person think about how he or she might help. We need and are grateful for financial support. Can you put a donation in one of the poor boxes located at the two side entrances of the church? Or perhaps you can help by participating in the annual Walk for the Poor in September or preparing for the annual St. Joseph's Table in March. We bring groceries to those we visit. Would you be able to help us shop for and pack these groceries? Can you bake for the bake sale we hold during the Knights of Columbus breakfasts? Do you have a unique idea like the home

school families who raised and sold pumpkins to benefit St. Vincent DePaul? Have you thought about becoming an active member of our conference? You are welcome to attend one or more of our meetings to see if this is how God is calling you. Call our new co-presidents, Kay Nelson (585-329-0251) and Susan Wiland (847-274-0233) to ask questions, share ideas, make a donation, or volunteer your time. Or leave a message on our St. Vincent DePaul line (847)429-5910 and we'll return your call.



Left to right: Diane Grandt, Jim Vaughn, Susan Wiland, Ray Pryor, Kay Nelson, Gene Wojtal and Jim Mancini.

Mother Teresa said, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things!" We look forward to the year ahead, working together to make great things happen as we serve God's people.



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique.

*If you are in need, please leave a message at 847-429-5910.  
All conversations are confidential.*

You can help bring respite and hope to those in need. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted; the poor box is in the back of the church near the elevator.

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

**By Donna Mancini**

We have many committees here at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. One you may not be aware of is called the Parish Life Committee. We are a small group who meet once a month in the Parish Hall to plan different events that pertain to fun stuff. We plan the hospitality schedule that happens after the Masses or a dinner for the visiting priests that help Father Nnaso for special occasions, such as First Communion or Confirmation. We planned the reception that was held after our parish mission, which was very well attended. Last May, we held a Women's luncheon that was attended by about 100 ladies where Deacon Mike Giblin was our guest speaker. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the luncheon and Deacon Mike.

We will soon start to plan this year's luncheon. We are always looking for new ideas. Currently, we have only about 10 ladies on the committee and we are always looking for members. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, at 7pm.

If you are interested in joining our little group, please call me at 224-238-7802. We would love to have you.



# JAM YOUTH MINISTRY

**"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS" MATTHEW 28:19**

## JAM Youth Ministry Team

Contact Margaret Wians at [margaretmary425@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmary425@gmail.com) or

Jan Olson at [Janolson@scbparish.org](mailto:Janolson@scbparish.org)

Our **JAM Youth Nights** are from 6-8pm on the following dates

**December 20:** Christmas party

**January 17:** Night with the Saints

**February 28:** Secret Night

**March 20:** Palm Sunday / Preparing for Holy Week

**April 17:** Mary

**May 15:** Pentecost

These nights include  
open gym & games!

## WANT TO BE A PEER MINISTER?

**JAM Peer Minister Meetings** where you will be planning our events with the Team Leaders. **MEET US AT 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall** on the following dates:

December 6  
March 6

January 3  
April 3

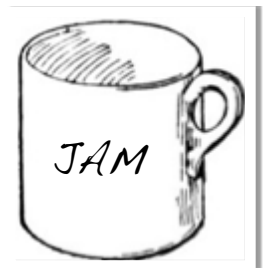
February 21  
May 1

## COFFEEHOUSE

for High School/Young Adults

**7pm in the Parish Hall**

Bring your own mug, bible and comfy clothes.  
Coffee, Hot Chocolate, & Desserts will be served!



December 18, January 22, February 12, March 11





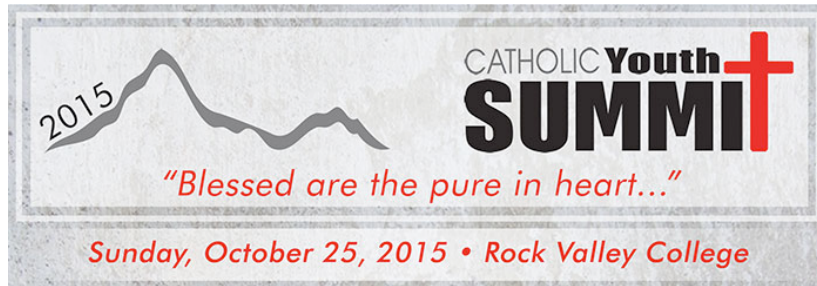
## Praise and Worship Masses

10:45 am mass; for ALL AGES

Please arrive at 10:30am

(You don't have to be good at singing)

January 10, February 14, April 10, May 8



## October 25 YOUTH SUMMIT



# Wrapped in God's Love

By Kay Nelson

There are moments in all of our lives when we need to know someone cares. There is a ministry in our parish that sends the message, "We care and we are praying for you." That ministry is the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

This group began in August of 2008. At that time they met in the home of Carol Herrmann who was the real inspiration for the group. About a year later they moved their gathering to the church.

Diane Descourouez, one of the knitters, estimates that they have made about 125 shawls since they began. The group of six women meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 AM. They begin each gathering by praying together at adoration. They then move to the parish classroom where they begin to knit and crochet. As they work they say a prayer for whoever will be receiving the shawl they are working on.



Dot Van Eycke & Diane Descourouez

A few years ago, Father Nnaso suggested they consider knitting blankets to give to the infants that are baptized at St. Charles Borromeo. I know when I'm blessed to assist my husband at Baptisms, those blankets are warmly received by the parents of the baby.

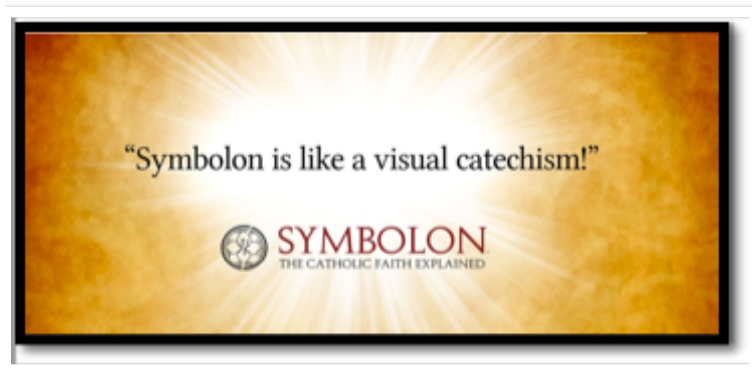
When the group has completed a shawl or a blanket, a prayer card is attached. The group gathers around the shawls and blankets, holds hands, and prays for those who will receive these special gifts.

The prayer shawls are offered to anyone who wishes to wrap a loved one or a friend in God's love. They have gone to the homebound, those in hospitals or nursing homes, or someone just feeling sad or lonely. If you know someone like that, call the parish office and ask if you could have one.

Besides the beautiful shawls and blankets that are created and the prayers that are said, the group looks forward to their time together. They would love to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining, just show up at 9:00 AM the first and third Thursday of the month.

When I asked Madeline Liebert, one of the leaders of the group, why she got involved in this ministry, she said, "I have always loved older people. I have a friend who is now 106 years old. She is the one who taught me to knit. She still knits even though she can't see. She is my inspiration."

Thank you, ladies, for wrapping so many people in God's love over the years!



*Symbolon* DVD Series

Come to one – Come to ALL!

Mondays from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – *The Journey of Faith*

Trinity, Faith and the God Who Is Love

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Divine Revelation*

God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – *The Bible*

God's Love Letter to Humanity

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** – *The Story of Salvation*

Creation, Fall and Redemption

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Who is Jesus?*

Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – *The Paschal Mystery*

The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – *The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace*

God's Divine Life Within Us

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** – *Why do I Need the Church?*

The Mystery of the Catholic Church

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Mary and the Saints*

Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – *The Last Things*

What Happens After We Die?



# Family Talk

By Peggy Shannon, given at Mass in December 2014

## Focusing on our family at home, at church, in our community, our country, and our world

Social justice is described as a movement, which believes that in order to remove inequality it must be replaced by a classless society (i.e. rich, middle class, poor, thereby eliminating the differences in wealth and property). It is also described as an underlying principle for a peaceful and prosperous co-existence within and among our nations. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that we all face due to age, race, gender, ethnicity, culture, or disability.

Morality is described in the dictionary as the means to act properly, with strong character and good manners. knowing the difference between good and bad. Morality is equal to goodness, the opposite of immoral. The golden rule, do unto others as you want done unto you. Morality is described in the Catholic encyclopedia as the ethics of human conduct, virtuous conduct, chastity, the rules of right conduct. No examples here! We have all been given a gift from God – FREE WILL, the right to choose.

Respect starts with ourselves. Let's think about history, our personal history, our family history, our church history, our country and our world. History is defined as the study of past events, particularly human and world events. When looking back on an event in order to recognize what went right or wrong, you must have facts. When you read about an event or conflict, large or small, there may be a difference of opinion and lack of respect. Think about conflicts within your own life, an argument or disagreement with parents, spouse, children, siblings, employer etc.

So, going back to history can you see how, on a small scale, personal differences within our own families can cause a large conflict? Imagine world leaders, church leaders, company leaders, leaders of organizations. We all see and hear the news both here and abroad. Hatred, rage, and disrespect have engulfed our families, church and world. If we cannot agree or at least agree to disagree where will the fighting end? What are we teaching our kids and grandkids? How can we expect the world issues to be resolved when we cannot resolve small scale issues at home?

A goal we can think about that is very achievable would be maintaining respect in our own personal lives. Home, spouse, kids, work, church, to name a few. Can you imagine if each and every one of us and every one we came in contact with showed mutual respect for each other and each other's opinions? Listening to another person's opinion doesn't mean you have to have the same opinion as them, but we were given that free will to be respectful even in our differences... "I respectfully disagree." My dear father always told us to lead by example!!

There are no perfect family's here on earth. You know the old saying 'you can pick your friends but not your relatives' but we all have to try to remember we are all part of God's family.

Lastly, on this subject I would like to talk about you and me, as I mentioned earlier the quote "do unto others as you want done unto you". So simple right? If you treat yourself with respect, the respect for others will come naturally. Don't harm yourself – body, mind or spirit, and don't let someone else harm you – body mind or spirit. Stand up for yourself, your family, your neighbor, your church, your God. This is the year of the family, we know that what is taught at home within our family is what is carried out into the community and around the world. We are all created in the image and likeness of God. CCC 1929-1933

If we are all created in the image and likeness of God our Father, then how could these problems exist? How can we treat others with such disregard? If they are our brothers and sisters in Christ then how can we be mean because they are different? Wrong color, race, religion, size, etc? A co-worker of mine is from India and she has been a U.S. citizen since 1980. After 9/11, she and her young kids were treated terribly, asked if they were

terrorists, simply because they were from a certain region in the world. I don't think any of us want to be treated different because we are different.

Dignity is defined as a state of being worthy of esteem or respect and is the key to equality. God gave each and every one of us gifts and talents not to be used against each other but rather to help and benefit each other. The inequalities in our homes, churches, country and world demand that we strive for more fair and humane conditions. CCC 1934-1938

Human solidarity is described as the fellowship arising from common responsibilities and interests between members of a group or class. As I said earlier we humans were created in the image and likeness of God, so let's respect ourselves, each other and each other's differences. Let's stick together. Solidarity is to be united or in agreement in feelings or actions; mutual support within a group.

I will give two examples on human solidarity. The first goes back to August 31st, 1980, at the Gdansk shipyard in Poland where a Polish trade union federation was formed under the leadership of a man named Lech Walesa. The solidarity union reached over 9.5 million people, which constituted more than 1/3 of the total working population. Our country provided significant financial support for this movement, as much as 50 million \$\$\$. Eventually a solidarity-led coalition government was formed and by 1990 Lech Walesa was elected President of Poland. Pope Saint John Paul II, who was from Poland, identified the concept of solidarity for the poor and marginalized as a vital element of the Gospel and human participation for the common good. Our Catholic Church family under the leadership of Pope Saint John Paul II was a very powerful supporter of the solidarity union and was greatly responsible for its success. Lech Walesa, who publicly displayed Catholic piety confirmed the Pope's influence and is quoted as saying "The Holy Father has demonstrated how numerous we were and told us 'do not be afraid.'" The influence of this movement in Poland, Europe and throughout the world is spoken of in terms of the positive outcomes with Solidarity against communism.

The second example is about Mexico. In the 1920's a war was raging there called the Cristeros war. A movie was made about this war in 2012 called For Greater Glory. It is about the persecution of Catholics in Mexico. Mexico is a nation with a very strong Catholic identity, yet for over 70 years during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Catholic Church was outlawed. Our church was not allowed to own property, run schools, convents or monasteries. It was not allowed to defend itself in public or in the courts. No foreign priests were allowed in. The church was barely allowed to exist. This was not considered separation of church and state, but actually complete subordination of church to state. Enforcement of these restrictions gradually lessened but not until 1992 was the Catholic Church restored as a legal entity in Mexico.

In the late 1920's, under the influence of President Calles, many Mexicans were imprisoned for wearing or displaying religious items. They were not allowed to say "adios" which means 'with God'. Public worship was a crime punishable by hanging or firing squad. May 21<sup>st</sup> is a feast day for 25 Mexican Saints and Martyrs who remained true to their faith during these turbulent years and were canonized in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II. Pope Benedict canonized another 13 Martyrs of the Cristeros war in 2005.

For a nation that was 95% Catholic this was a crisis of unimaginable proportions. Yet the modern world and even Mexico has all but forgotten the suffering that took place. It was a complete attack, not only on the Catholic people but also on the very church that Jesus gave us. It took unsurpassed courage and solidarity for the Catholics in Mexico who "took" on the Mexican government to defend our God, our Church and each other. The religious liberties that we hold dear to our hearts in this country and all over the world are in jeopardy right here right now, just as they were in Mexico. The Cristeros soldiers were priests, nuns, children and people like you and I, who rose up in arms to defend the Catholic faith with shouts of "VIVA CHRISTO REY" (Long Live Christ the King!). Let each of us rise to the occasion of the Cristero war heroes and shout "Long Live Christ the King!" Read CCC1939-1942.

How can we make a difference? Start with God and self, add family and church family. Enter in respect, dignity and equality. Mix solidarity in. Together for the good of all. God. Self. Family. Church. Country. World. We can do great things but together our gifts are exponentially greater. "Where two or more are gathered in my name" (Matthew 18:20) "Come follow me I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:12-23) and in our song book #681 "Go Make a Difference."



# ADORATION

By Susan Wiland



## Bishop Fulton Sheen's Inspiration

We all have someone who has inspired us to be better or to do something differently. This is an article I ran across of an unassuming, ordinary little girl who inspired Bishop Sheen. It is about a young Chinese girl that was never canonized as a saint, but surely is one of the thousands of Christians who lived as a saint and died as a martyr for Christ. We do not know her name or even the date of her martyrdom. Here is an excerpt from an article Let the Son Shine Out by Rev.

Martin Lucia.

A couple of months before his death Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was interviewed on national television. One of the questions was this: "Bishop Sheen, you have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you? Was it a Pope?"

Bishop Sheen responded that it was not a Pope, a cardinal, another bishop, or even a priest or a nun. It was a little Chinese girl of eleven years of age. He explained that when the Communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory near the Church. After they locked him up in his own house, the priest was horrified to look out of his window and see the Communists proceed into the Church, where they went into the sanctuary and broke into the tabernacle. In an act of hateful desecration, they took the ciborium and threw it on the floor with all of the Sacred Hosts spilling out. The priest knew exactly the number of Hosts in the ciborium; thirty-two.

When the Communists left, they either did not notice, or didn't pay any attention to a small girl praying in the back of the Church who saw everything that had happened. That night the little girl came back.

Slipping past the guard at the priest's house, she went inside the Church. There she made a holy hour of prayer, an act of love to make up for the act of hatred. After her holy hour she went into the sanctuary, knelt down, bent over and with her tongue received Jesus in Holy Communion, since (at that time) it was not permissible for laymen to touch the Sacred Host with their hands.

The little girl continued to come back each night to make her holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue. On the thirty-second night, after she had consumed the last and thirty-second host, she accidentally made a noise and woke the guard who was sleeping. He ran after her, caught her, and beat her to death with the butt of his rifle. This act of heroic martyrdom was witnessed by the priest as he watched grief-stricken from his bedroom window.

When Bishop Sheen heard the story he was so inspired that he promised God he would make a holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every day of his life. If this frail, little child could give testimony and witness to the world concerning the real and wonderful Presence of her Savior in the Blessed Sacrament, then the Bishop was absolutely bound by all that was right and true, to do the same. His sole desire from then on was to bring the world to the burning Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The little girl showed the Bishop what true courage and zeal really is; how faith could overcome all fear, how true love for Jesus in the Eucharist must transcend life itself. What is hidden in the Sacred Host is the glory of His love. The sun in the sky is symbolic of the Son of God in the Blessed Sacrament. This is why most monstrances are in the form of a sunburst. As the sun is the natural source of all energy, the Blessed Sacrament is the supernatural source of all grace and love.





## I THIRST FOR YOU...

A meditation based on the spiritual teachings of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Second of 3 parts

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...” (Rev.3:20)

I know what is in your heart- I know your loneliness and all your hurts – the rejections, the judgments, the humiliations. I carried it all before you. And I carried it all for you, so you might share My strength and victory. I know especially your need for love – how you are thirsting to be loved and cherished. But how often you have thirsted in vain, by seeking that love selfishly, striving to fill the emptiness inside you with passing pleasures- with the even greater emptiness of sin. Do you thirst for love? *“Come to Me all of you who thirst...” (John 7:37)*. I will satisfy you and fill you. Do you thirst to be cherished? I cherish you more than you can imagine – to the point of dying on a cross for you.

I THIRST FOR YOU. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you: I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you – that is how precious you are to Me. I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to Me and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation and give you peace, even in all your trials. I THIRST FOR YOU. You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you. I THIRST FOR YOU. If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one any more important in the entire world than you. I THIRST FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give Me your life- and I will prove to you how important you are to My Heart.

Don't you realize that My Father already has a perfect plan to transform your life, beginning from this moment? Trust in Me. Ask Me every day to enter and take charge of your life – and I will. I promise you before My father in heaven that I will work miracles in your life. Why would I do this? Because I THIRST FOR YOU. All I ask of you is that you entrust yourself to Me completely. I will do all the rest.

As I write this article we are one week away from our 2015 Fall retreat. Susan Wiland, our main, or facilitator, for the retreat, and her team have been working to put the final pieces together. As of now, we have 9 retreatants and hopefully a few more will sign up yet. The entire team has been offering prayers for the success of the retreat.



I look back on when I first attended a Light of the World weekend here at Saint Charles Borromeo. I had made many retreats and conferences and my attitude was "been there, done that". Boy, was I wrong. This retreat is something special. I got an opportunity to meet many of my fellow parishioners, listen to some great talks, enjoy some very good food (very important) and examine my relationship with God. By the end of the retreat we had all formed a bond with each other and were all enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

We are working on securing the dates for the next Light of the World retreat for 2016. We will be putting announcements in the bulletin when we have them set. If you have not attended a Light of the World retreat, please consider it. You won't be disappointed.

God's Blessing to you,  
Donna Mancini

# THE ADVENT WREATH

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



The following are the Advent wreath prayers that change every week. They are prayed at the lighting of each candle every day during Advent.

**Week One:** One candle is lit each day starting the first Sunday and the prayer for the first week is said:

*Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Week Two:** Two candles are lit on the second Sunday. The prayer for the week is:

*O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Week Three:** Three candles, including the rose candle, are lit on Gaudete, the third Sunday, and during that week. The following prayer is said:

*We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Week Four:** All four candles are lit on the fourth Sunday and allowed to burn as before. The prayer said the fourth week is:

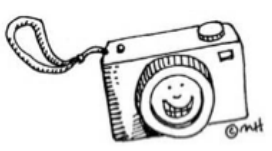
*Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*



# SNAP SHOTS



Pictured left: Fr. Ken Geraci at the Parish mission in September;  
Row 2: Jan Olson speaking at the Leadership meeting in October. Principal Kalamatas and Fr. Nnaso on the first day of school;  
Row 3: 6th graders receiving their bibles, 3rd graders on the first day of school;  
Row 4: 4th graders at Cross Country Meet, the Mina family at Culver's night



# DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 5	Christmas Caroling at Highland Oaks, Elgin, 1:30 pm
Dec 6	Giving Tree Gifts due by 10:45am
Dec 7	Symbolon continues
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception Masses 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Dec 11	Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 7:00 pm
Dec 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 14	Communal Reconciliation Service, 6:30 pm
Dec 15	SCB School PreK/Kdgtm & Band Program, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Dec 17	SCB School 1st - 8th grade Vocal Program, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
Dec 20	JAM Youth Night - Christmas Party, 6:00-8:00 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and Midnight
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am
Dec 31	Holy Mary Mother of God, Mass 5:00 pm
Jan 1	Holy Mary Mother of God, Mass 9:00am
Jan 3	Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 10	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Jan 31	Catholic Schools Week begins, Open House after 10:45 am Mass
Feb 2	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Feb 3	Catechist Meeting, 6:00 pm
Feb 8	First Communion Parent & Child Meeting 6:00 pm
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Feb 14	First Sunday of Lent
Mar 12	SCB School Annual Silent Auction & Dinner Dance



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, 5:00pm**  
**Sunday, 8:00am and 10:45am**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Wednesday, 9:15 - 9:45am**  
**Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm**  
**Or call for appointment (847-683-2391)**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, 9:00am thru Thursday, 6:00pm**





## SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH YEAR DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY



### ADVENT: NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 24, 2015

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 8  
DECEMBER 12

### CHRISTMAS SEASON: DECEMBER 25 – JANUARY 11, 2016

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	DECEMBER 25
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	DECEMBER 28
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	JANUARY 1
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	JANUARY 3
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	JANUARY 10

### ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 9, 2016

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	FEBRUARY 2
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### LENT: FEBRUARY 10– MARCH 18, 2016

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## MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS

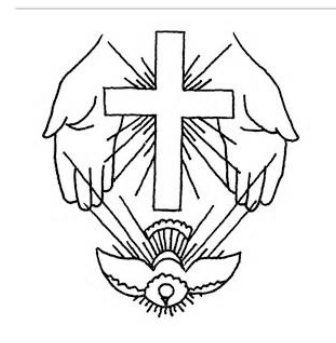
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Altar Servers  
    Training.....Jenny, Tricia and Becky Dumoulin  
    Scheduling.....Jan Olson  
Art & Environment.....Roni Schmidt  
Baptismal Prep .....Tess and Chris Gisseler  
Catholic Order of Foresters.....Ralph Seisser  
Cemetery Board.....Deacon James Ward  
Compassionate Ministry  
    Nursing Home Visitation .....Deacon James Ward  
    Communion to the Sick .....Doris Klock  
    Bereavement Ministry .....Deacon James Ward  
Cursillo .....Ray Oleferchik & Donna Mancini  
Divorce Ministry .....Susan Wiland  
Eucharistic Ministers  
    Training.....Deb Ward  
    Scheduling.....Jan Olson  
Faithlink.....Maryanne Vandenberg  
Food Pantry .....Audrey Sparr  
Funeral Reception..Mary Engel, Linda Gray, Barb Mursu  
Giving Tree.....Karen Boxleitner  
Golden Agers.....Cindy Jerger  
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# Make Me Simple

Make me simple, make me wise;  
Make me ever realize  
What I am and why I'm here  
Struggling on this troubling sphere.  
Make me simple as a dove,  
Striving ever for true love.  
Make me simple as a child  
Make my temper meek and mild  
Free my from adversity.  
Give me pure simplicity.



A poem by Peter J. Hahn

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