

Thanks to the many who dropped off redeemable cans & bottles which will help cover transportation for the Steubenville Catholic Conference. 60 teens and twelve adults will be attending it in St. Paul, Minnesota
NEXT CAN DRIVE: July 7 & 8



JUNE 2012



To create and maintain a Christ-centered Catholic Community where our personal call to holiness, service and spiritual growth leads to continued authentic wit-

A Note From Fr. Jim

SUMMER IS HERE! And even though our Wednesday faith formation classes have concluded, the next several months are filled with activities to help us all to continue to grow in faith.

You can find a Catholic church anywhere in country through www.masstimes.org

Number one, of course, is Sunday Eucharist, which is our primary way to grow closer to Jesus and to one another. As you make your vacation plans this summer, be sure to plan ahead so that your family will continue to be nourished by our Lord's presence.

So, explore the parish newsletter for exciting opportunities here at Saint Mary's. May these summer months be for your family a time to grow closer to each other and to the Lord!

Fr Jim

SOLON IOWA

St. Mary Parish
 Newsletter

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'SEEKING CHRIST' is a special opportunity for adults who are interested in the Catholic faith. **Fr. Jim will host eight sessions at his home beginning Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 pm.** Using video, discussion and reflection we will touch on major themes of our Catholic faith. If someone has expressed interest to you in growing closer to Jesus, invite them to join in. Better yet, invite them to come with YOU!

Every year, people come to the Church because of Catholic friends they know and admire. Yet, so many Catholics are hesitant to reach out and share their. If we believe following Jesus is the best way to live, then why don't we share these life-giving teachings with friends?

The Catholic faith has brought renewal, peace, and hope to billions of people with more than two thousand years of prayer, preaching and serving. **If you have friends who are wondering about the Catholic Church—invite (bring them) to the SEEKING CHRIST sessions**, so they can learn about the Church apart from the prejudices and outright misstatements about Catholics that often circulate around the media.



"The early Church was unstoppable, and for all I can tell, it was because they followed this simple strategy. They believed the values of the Gospel were the best way to live. They were deeply committed to a life of prayer. They were courageous in telling their story. They invited people to join in and made them feel welcome in their communities. The people of today desire happiness just as the people the first Christians were reaching out to did."

- Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly

SEEKING CHRIST

Corpus Christi Procession

Saturday, June 9 concluding the 5pm Mass

The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. We show our love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way.

Following Communion at Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance and is carried outdoors to altars at the four corners of the churching building – to represent the four corners of the earth. Everyone from Mass joins in the procession. At each altar there are readings and prayers. We then return to the church.

When Jesus spoke about eating his flesh and drinking his blood the response was less than enthusiastic. “This is a hard saying who can listen to it?” In fact so many of his disciples abandoned him that Jesus asked the twelve if they also planned to quit. Why did Jesus arrange for this transformation of bread and wine? He intended another kind of transformation. The bread and wine are transformed into His Body and Blood which in turn, are meant to transform us. We receive the Lord’s body into our physical body that we may become him whom we receive! Such an awesome gift deserves its own feast. And that’s why, back in the days of Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis of Assisi, in 1264 the Pope decided to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi.



Eucharistic Procession in the streets of Kansas City: 20,000+ teens bring Christ into the world, during the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference.

Sweet Land of Liberty...Let Freedom Ring

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2012



**FORTNIGHT
FOR FREEDOM**



FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

reflect on our heritage. In our nation, we have more liberty and freedom to act than many other nations. Because of that liberty and freedom many ideologies compete for dominance in our lives and governance. We have become a divided people in many respects, and there is a danger that differences may overshadow Constitutional rights. My fellow bishops and I have set the period of June 1 – July 4, 2012 as a fortnight of “prayer, study, catechesis and public action.”

**Bishop Martin
Amos writes
to us all:**

“As we approach the anniversary of the founding of our great nation we have cause to take a few moments to

Join us in prayer at Saint Mary:

**Thursday, June 21, and Thursday, June 28, 7:00 pm
Holy Hour for Religious Freedom.**

In the midst of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament we will pray for God’s blessing to bring the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

**Wednesday, July 4, 8:00 am
Mass on Independence Day.**

We give thanks for the vision of our nation’s founders to preserve the right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

You will also receive **special Sunday bulletin inserts** on religious freedom, and a prayer card to join our prayers with those of Catholics across the country.

Like our forbearers, many of whom fled persecution for the liberties promised by our country, we all must defend not only the rights of our Church, but the rights of all believers and all creeds. In a world that even today sees religious persecution in many lands and under many guises, America must continue to be an example to all of what the free exercise of religion and freedom of conscience truly mean.



Grief Share

Begins Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 pm

St. Mary Catholic Church, Solon United Methodist Church and Our Lord's Church of Solon are co-sponsoring a community support group for those experiencing loss in their lives. The sessions will be held in the library at St. Mary's.

Griefshare is a faith-based program to help individuals cope with the loss of a loved one. The series will be held every other Thursday beginning on June 7th. The sessions held last summer were well received and generated a lot of interest from in our community. Please join us for fellowship and support as you cope with a tough time in your life. *Learn more at www.griefshare.org*

The Griefshare team is comprised of Father Jim Vrba, Rev. Carol Kress, Pastor Dennis Arnold, Linda Linderbaum, Dan Kramer, Diane Wilkinson, Deacon Jerry Miller, and Nancy Upmeyer.

RSVP or direct questions to 319-331-1553 or nancyupmeyer@hotmail.com



FREE—SCHOOL SPORTS PHYSICALS

JULY 28, 1-4 PM

**BEHIND METRO HIGH SCHOOL
NEXT DOOR TO JANE BOYD COMMUNITY HOUSE
947 14th Avenue S.E. Cedar Rapids**

For children, ages 10-18, who are:

- Un- or under-insured
- Insurance plans do not cover physicals
- Parents unable to afford co-pays

FREE TDAP immunizations provided by Linn County Public Health

**MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT,
GUARDIAN OR PRESENT A WRITTEN
PERMISSION SLIP**

Knights of Columbus Golf Outing



****EVERYONE WELCOME****

Saturday, July 7 8:00am

Shotgun Start

Four Person Best Ball

\$50 – 18 Holes, Green Fees, Cart, Lunch

All Golfers receive a \$50 Calloway gift card from Billion Automotive

→ Sign up at **Lake MacBride Golf Course** or call 624-2500



**All proceeds go to the Solon
Habitat for Humanity House**



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

-Watch the bulletin for **Solon Habitat Build Dates**

-Purchase **Habitat "Cookies" Cookbook** at church for \$10

HELP WANTED

Little Lamb Nursery: Would you like to provide child-care during the 10:30 Mass for children ages 0-4? Volunteers are trained and then scheduled approximately once every 4-5 weeks. Call the parish, 624-2228, if you would like to serve in this ministry. They must meet the diocese safe environment guidelines: background check & complete a short on-line training session.



Meals for Families with New-

born: Would you like to help coordinate

the meals delivered to families with a newborn or facing an illness? A co-coordinator is needed to make phone calls to arrange meals for families with new babies. Contact Patty Benzing to learn more about this volunteer position (319-466-0082 or pattybenzing@mchsi.com).

Call or email our parish office to

- ◇ Submit a request for the parish prayer line.
- ◇ Have your name added to the parish email prayer line or to receive the weekly bulletin
- ◇ Receive meals when you have a newborn or illness in your family.
- ◇ Change your email, mailing address, or to let us know you moved

Baptism Classes: First time parents are required to attend class prior to the date of the baptism. Parents baptizing their second child may attend before or after the Baptism takes place.

Baptism Class Schedule for 2012—call parish to register, 624-2228

*Classes are in parish hall, 6:30-8:00pm, childcare provided
July 10 (first child)*

Adult Mentoring Program—6th Judicial District

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Adult Mentoring Programs



Saturday, June 16

9:00-10:30am

St. Mary's Parish Hall

Liz Low from the Department of Correctional Services will present information about two programs that help empower parolees in our community to make positive life choices.

Come learn about the programs. Those who are interested will then attend a training workshop. Eight people from St. Marys have been trained to serve in either the '1-on-1 mentoring' or the 'circles of support.' Mentors can work **1-on-1** with clients, by developing a trusting relationship and assisting them in overcoming obstacles and reaching goals. The **Circle of Support** uses a group dialogue process to support an offender by discussing difficult issues in safe ways and keeps them accountable to their goals.

I have been in and out of prison for the last fifteen years....

I just completed parole and have been clean for the longest point in over ten years.

My name is Tammy, I'm in my forties, and have led a very different kind of life. I remember being young and wondering if everyone had a life like mine, I guess I just thought it was normal. My siblings and I endured all kinds of abuse, from physical and emotional to sexual. Learning to steal at a young age, to feed my other sisters and brother. I left home at sixteen and have never been back.

The lifestyle continued even though I managed to raise my boys without the effects that I endured. They are both well-adjusted and are leading normal productive lives. However at the end of my marriage addiction kicked in full force. I have been in and out of prison for the last fifteen years. During my last incarceration I was approached by circles of support, it was a new program in Linn County and my parole officer wanted me to participate in it. I did and had the blessing of working with Diane Wurzer, Mary Knight & David Krob.

They have shown me the meaning of strength and faith. Even though they have suffered loss and pain they chose a different path. They have given me the insight and courage to now be able to do the same. Maybe I was not dealt a fair start, but I can choose the direction of my life from this point on.

Things are not easy, however I have my own apartment for the first time in eight years, I just completed parole and have been clean for the longest point in over ten years. I have been laid off and currently looking for a job, but with their support and belief in me I know things will work out. Their time compassion and belief in me is what keeps me believing in this.

I love my apartment in Solon, and the people in my life. I am so grateful for their continuing love and support.

I can only hope that others in my position will have the good fortune to meet and be inspired by people like this, that I never



Photo by Elizabeth Hickman El Salvador, Mar 2012

El Salvador Project

Thank you those who contributed to Dr. Elizabeth Hickman's mission trip to El Salvador in March. From our parish she brought: 425 toothbrushes; 210 bars of soap; 72 bottles of shampoo; 248 tubes

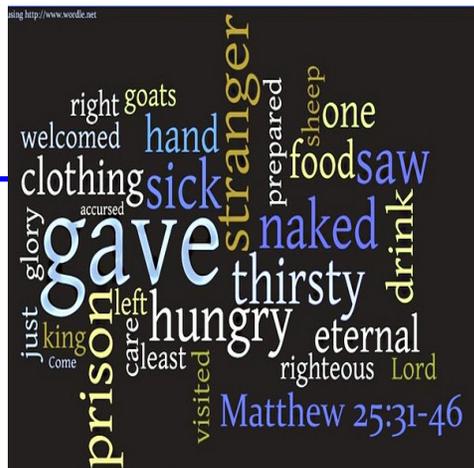
of toothpaste; 1000 pencils; 72 calculators; 25 note pads; 2500 sheets of writing paper; 45 boxes of crayons; 57 rulers; 35 pencil sharpeners; 20 pens; 270 erasers; 26 back packs; Many folders, binders and markers!

Tanzania Well Project

Over Lent, parishioners donated \$5,004 along with the generosity of a special friend, a total of \$10,000 was donated to help move a



Photo by Doug Thompson Same, Tanzania, Feb 2012



well-drilling rig from Illinois to Diocese of Same in Tanzania to drill community wells, so people do not have to travel far to obtain water for their families.

First Sunday Food Collection

Since January, 658 pounds of have food has been given to the Crisis Center in IC and 472 lbs for the Solon Food Pantry.

Take Care

Promoting Health & Wellness at St. Mary in Solon through *seminars, screenings, and workshops*

Tues. JUNE 12—7pm
Awakening the Dreamer



Travis Hess
Sustainability Coordinator
Mt. Mercy University

This event will open your eyes and heart to the realities of the current world situation and what you can do in your life to help. It will change the way you feel about recycling, bottled water, and our responsibility to preserve the earth. This is a huge Social Justice and

Sunday JUNE 24
CPR CLASS



Stewardship opportunity for our parish.
American Heart Association
HeartSaver CPR/AED program

Noon - 4:00pm
Parish Hall—lower level
—Class size is limited—

Ushers may register until June 17th. Registrations open to all parishioners on June 18. You must be at least 18 years old. Accommodations made for

Tues. JUNE 26—7pm
Autism ..What's it all about?

*"The more I learn, the more I realize more and more that how I think and feel is different."
-Dr. Temple Grandin*



those who can not kneel on the floor. **To sign-up** contact Mike McLaughlin at vezzini@aol.com
Jennifer Bohn & Cindy Dirks
Eastern Iowa Autism Society

View the moving story about the life of Temple Grandin and her family. Temple's autism did not keep her from college; today she is a successful designer of ranching equipment. Following the film, the discus-

sion led by Cindy & Jennifer, will help you understand what autistic children and their family members experience every day.

Cindy and her husband Randy have an autistic son who is 13 years old. He is using several biomedical treatments including diet modification, supplements, and chiropractic care. "After seeing some great strides with Dallas by simply using healthy alternatives, it is my wish to make as many treatments like

Sat. & Sun. JUNE 23-24
following Masses



Nurses will be available following all Masses to do blood pressure screenings.

Having high blood pressure puts you at risk for heart disease and stroke. People of all ages and backgrounds can develop high blood pressure. The good news, it's preventable. Getting your blood pressure checked on a regular basis is important because high blood pressure

Tues. JULY 10—7pm
Men's Health



often has no symptoms.
Dan Tucker
Patient Care Coordinator,
Men's Health—Mercy Medical Center

Dan will address male health issues like Hypertension, Prostate Cancer, Stress management, Heart disease, --all the things you worry about but do not always take time to investigate. This program could

Tues. JULY 24—7pm
Hospice 101



save your life Wives are invited to attend too.

Sue Vincent
Outreach Coordinator
Hospice of Mercy

Sue will address questions about how to select a hospice, when is it appropriate, who

Tues. AUG 7—7pm
Diabetes



pays, what is covered, what is the purpose and discuss frequently asked questions about Hospice care.

Denise Scheer, RD, LD, CDE
Clinical Dietitian, Diabetes Educator

To find out more about these programs, contact Nancy Upmeyer at 624-2944

There is POWER in the KINGDOM



BAPTISM

EUCHARIST

CONFIRMATION

The Sacraments of Initiation: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ brings us into his church, sustains us and strengthens us, so we may bring about his kingdom on Earth.

“No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.” John 3:5

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” Jn 6:53

“But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses ..to the ends of the Earth.” Acts 1:8

First Communion

Saturday, April 21—5:00

Eva Marie Born
 Tatum Ruth Calderwood
 Jaley Evelyn-Marie Grimm
 Jack Stephen Howsare
 Hayley Jo Johnston
 Brody Scott Kerkhoff
 Garrett Robert Martin
 Brandon Allan Merrick
 Carson Curtis Miller
 Joshua Michael Olney
 Meghan Rose O’Neill
 Colin Michael Ottoson
 Kinnick Ernest Pusteoska
 Connor Jacob Simpson
 Ava Lynn Stebral



First Communion

Sunday, April 22—10:30

Morgan Thomas Scott Beuter
 Emma Kathleen Bock
 Dillon Thomas Bruck
 Sydney Morell Chapman
 Madison LaAnn Craig
 Owen Neil Erusha
 Paige Elaine Hess
 Margaret Anne Hickman
 Alexa Lynn Hupfeld
 Emma Marie Hupfeld
 Ethan Richard McLaughlin
 Nathan Scott Miller
 Connor Joshua Patrick
 Delaney Ruth Pattison
 Nolan James Pauley
 Lauren Loretta Roskopf

Sunday, April 22—8:30

Nicholas Alan Heisdorffer
 Ellyse Mary Holubar
 John Weldon Peters



The Kingdom is present wherever the king is present, and nowhere is his presence so “real”, so substantial, as in the Church’s celebration of Mass. In the Eucharist, the king appears in his body, blood, soul, and divinity; and he comes to make his dwelling within and among his faithful people.



The Spirit God has given us is not a cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving, and wise. Therefore, never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord—but with the strength which comes from God, bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails. Do not let people disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith, and your purity. You have in you a spiritual gift which was given to you.... do not let it die unused. Adapted 2 Timothy 6-8 & 1 Timothy 4:12-15

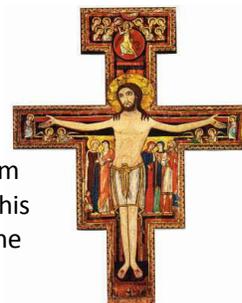


Confirmation Mass, Sunday, April 15: Haley Bell, Sabrina Bretz, Brittany Brown, Lee Colton, Caroline Connolly, Elissa Fields, Taite Gallagher, Seth Groeschen, Trevor Haight, Luc Henk, Emily Ira, Allegra Johnson, Jordie Johnson, Jarod Keith, Ryan Kelchen, Josh Koeppel, Allison Koffron, Logan Linderbaum, Noelle Martin, Reed McCarty, Mike McGrane, McKenzie Patrick, Lake Reyhons, Jackson Rushek, Madison Shafer, Brittany Slusher, Andrew Smith, Jarrett Stallman, Raiden Takeuchi, Josie Uhl, Brandi, Uhlenkamp, Molly Walkner, and Andrew West



2012 Graduates from St. Mary Church: Rachel Ahern Abby Ashton, Andrew Barenz, Haley Birch, Colin Brown, Kourtney Cline, Elizabeth Connolly, Austin Dall, Samantha Eckrich, Michael Gillett, Kara Gourley, Alexandra Groeschen, Will Henk, Ashley Holubar, Reagan Johnson, Hillary Kaefering, Andy Klouda, Camille Krall, Madeline Mattaliano, Allie Moore, Kylan Patterson, Ashley Serbousek, Kelsey Shemanski, Josh Smith, Jordan Stout, Ivy Vance

Each senior received a San Damiano Cross during their Graduation Mass. In a dramatic moment of prayer in the abandoned Church of San Damiano, Francis of Assisi heard a voice coming from the crucifix which challenged him to **“Rebuild My Church.”** Francis said yes to Christ. He turned his back on his wealth to embrace a life of simplicity, poverty, humility and prayer. Over the course of 1,000 years, he has inspired millions to do the same.



For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe!

Plans to give you a future full of hope.

When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11-14



Remember the summer vacations that seemed to go on forever?

A summer of picnics and 'visiting' relatives, making homemade ice-cream,, back yard tent sleeping, helping in the veggie garden, never ending board games, running through the sprinklers, bonfires and s'mores, laying on the lawn staring up at the clouds or picking four-leaf clovers, reading for hours, wiffle ball and badminton games, hide-and-go-seek, tree houses and forts, trips to the library, long days at the pool with the neighbor kids, sitting outside at night talking, catching fireflies and ladybugs, looking for frogs and turtles, and chasing the ice-cream truck.

What will your kids remember from their summers at home?

Children love their family traditions. What summertime activities will they pass on to your grandchildren? Everyone needs to eat ; build traditions around meals.



MEALS: Try to eat at least one meal together each day. Let kids plan a meal and then shop for the ingredients. Everyone loves BBQ—grill more often.

GARDENS & FARMER'S MARKETS: Eating vegetables might be more fun when growing at home or picking them out from market vendors, orchards, or strawberry patch.

PICNICS: A little bit of work—but the time together away from home is well worth it. Turn off all electronics, eat a leisurely meal, then go for a walk in the park.

DESSERT NIGHT: Pick a night of the week for "dessert night." Go out for ice-cream, make a family favorite, or make a dessert you remember from your childhood. Buy an ice-cream machine (or use the one you already have.)



If your friends jumped off a bridge, would you follow?
It is a question we often ask our kids....wondering if they know how to make a decision on their own, that is wise and prudent. And yet as parents, sometimes this is the very thing we fail to do. It is hard to resist the urge to sign them up for every activity that everyone else is doing. We're so afraid they might miss out, miss being with friends, miss an opportunity. When we over schedule their lives – they do miss out. They miss out on having unstructured time: to dream, to learn to be creative, to have quiet, to play, and to relax. Children need time to read, to be outdoors, to learn through their senses. They need time to be with those of different generations and to do chores and be responsible in the home. But most importantly—they need time to be with their family. **Don't plan their summer away.**

Enriching or Over-Scheduling their Lives? How can we know the difference?

Tips for parents

By Dr. Janet Taylor
Instructor of Psychiatry at Columbia University

- Eliminate 10 percent of your child's activities now!** Overscheduled children bear the burden of stressed-out families. After five hours of extracurricular activities, the benefit for children is lessened. Add in downtime.
- Listen to your child.** When they seem tired, overwhelmed or report having fun and being satisfied, notice what's going on. Monitor their sleep and dietary patterns.
- Avoid 'emotional isolation' by overdoing activities and under doing family time. **The most important relationship is not with your child's coach or tutor, it is with you.**
- Build character, not a resume.** Expose your kids to coaches and people that teach supportive relationships, organizational skills, time management and leadership.
- Discuss wants with your child.** The process can help them think about what they like and provide an opportunity to discuss commitments, demands and expectations.



God has supplied an abundance of sacred moments and hidden blessings in the simple pleasures and ordinary passing of days for families in the summer season... help your family discover & live these moments. snoringscholar.com

SKY Vacation Bible School

July 16-20, 8:30-11:00 daily (noon on Thursday, Children's Mass at 11:00)

WOW—We already have over 30 adults and 83 jr & sr high schoolers helping with this summer's VBS!! If your son/daughter is going into grades K-6 this fall and would like to participate—please contact the church at 624-2228 *asap* to sign-up. Each day children rotate through stations of games, crafts, experiments, Bible stories, singing, and snacks designed to help them understand that no matter who you are, what you do, where you are, or how you feel.....You can always TRUST in GOD!



K-6th Grade Participants: On Wednesday of VBS, you will be packaging over 2,000 meals for the **Kids Against Hunger**

program. One package (for the amazing low cost of 25 cents per serving!) provides six nutritionally complete servings to feed starving children around the world, in the United States and for shelters in Linn County. Each bag contains exact of amounts of rice, dehydrated vegetables, soy and chicken mix .



Kids Against Hunger Meals following Haiti's earthquake

How can you earn money to donate towards the cost of the meals?
Are there mini-chores you can do to earn a quarter?

VBS Families: On Monday of VBS, Send a picture of your family doing your favorite summer activity. The 6th graders will make a display for the Johnson Co Right to Life's booth at the Johnson County Fair: *"The Best Days of Summer are with my family."*



THANK YOU for supporting the Steubenville Breakfast!

The funds earned from the breakfast go towards the transportation costs of two motor coach buses. In July, 60 teens and ten adults from St. Mary will join teens from Hills and Muscatine for the journey North to St. Paul Minnesota. For the 8th summer—our parish will be participating in a Catholic Teen Conference at the University of St. Thomas, sponsored by the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The conferences are organized on a national and regional level, with an exciting line-up of speakers, musicians, and presenters. The conferences will challenge the youth to stand firm in their faith, rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ who is their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world.



This summer—over 40,000 teens will participate at eighteen youth conference all over North America. The theme of the 2012 conferences is "The 8th Day." We are living in the Eighth Day; a phrase used to refer to God's ongoing work of redemption through Jesus Christ who came to teach us how to live, suffered and died for our sins, and conquered death through His Resurrection.

Our Parish Family

Baptisms *We welcome with great joy!*

Mason James McNeely	March 4, 2012	Cory & Amy McNeely
Braden Eilliam Bickford	March 11, 2012	Charles & Kristen Bickford
Kinley Lynn Leggins	March 11, 2012	Bryce and Kristen Leggins
Cameron Jacob Petersen	March 11, 2012	Mark & Melanie Petersen
Anthony Hayden Havlicek	March 24, 2012	Brian & Lisa Ulch
Jaley Evelyn Marie Grimm	April 7, 2012	Daniel Grimm & Melissa Krob
Jamison Jordyn Grimm	April 7, 2012	Daniel Grimm & Melissa Krob
Jake Austin Grimm	April 7, 2012	Daniel Grimm & Melissa Krob
Andrew Joseph Patrick	April 14, 2012	Curtis & Janelle Patrick
Addison Lucille Smith	April 15, 2012	Chadwick & Theresa Smith
Boden John Laing	May 6, 2012	Randy & Megan Laing
Garrett Robert Miller	May 6, 2012	Jeffrey & Angela Miller
Kellen Robert Wick	May 20, 2012	Jeff & Jennifer Wick



Boden Lang's Baptism

Profession of Faith *We welcome with great joy!*

Sheri Lee Bailey	April 7, 2012
Christina Sue Weber	April 7, 2012
Garret Edward Krieger	April 7, 2012
Megan Ann Moeller	April 7, 2012

New Parishioners in 2012 *We're glad you're here!*

Michael, Rebecca, Carson & Landon Shive
Brandon & Emily Nitcher
Ryan & Sarah Olsem
Garret & Mallory Shaefer-Krieger
David & Diane Dautremont
Seth & Joanna Bartlett
Ann Smith & Joel Neuendorf
Roger, Becky, Jessica, Brian & Eric Smith
Sara and Madison Ruhlmann
Tony, Shelby & Ava Vespa

Marriages *Congratulations on your life together*

Brandon & Tiffany Clemens May 5 2012
Allen & Kristine Vanderwiel May 19, 2012

Deaths *We pray and remember*

Donovan J Ochs January 18, 2012
Paula Werz March 8, 2012
Kelly Ann Ransom April 8, 2012
Brett Jeffrey Smith April 16, 2012
Peggy Marie Krafka May 24, 2012



Through Baptism we are brought into God's family and receive the light of Christ into our souls. As we receive the symbol of this light, through our Baptismal candle, lit from the Easter Candle, we promise to keep the flame of that faith alive in our heart. So that when the Lord comes, we may go out to meet him with all the saints in his heavenly kingdom.

Each week as we gather for Mass, we hear Christ speak to us through his Gospels—calling us to follow his way, his truth, his life. And then as we gather around the table of the Altar, Christ comes to us in the Eucharist. He gives us his divine life so that, strengthened and sustained by him, we can go forth to live his way and truth.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Calendar *See inside of newsletter for information on:*

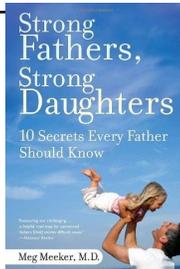
JUNE

- 7 **Grief Share**, 6:30 in parish library, every other Thursday
- 9 **Corpus Christi Procession** at conclusion of 5:00 Mass
- 11 **Parish Council Meeting**, 6:30 parish library
- 11 **Mom's Book Study**, 7:00 parish hall adult room (Mondays throughout June & July)
- 12 **Awakening the Dreamer**, Being a good steward of the Earth 7:00pm
- 13 **Seeking Christ Sessions** begin at Fr. Jim's house at 6:30
- 16 **Adult Mentor Information Meeting**, 9:00-10:30am
- 21 **Holy Hour for Religious Freedom**, 7:00pm in church
- 23 & 24 **Blood Pressure Screenings**, following all Masses
- 24 **CPR Training**, noon-4:00 parish hall lower level
- 26 **Autism—What's it all about**, 7:00pm parish hall
- 28 **Holy Hour for Religious Freedom**, 7:00pm in church

JULY

- 1 **KC Coffee & Donuts**, following Masses
- 4 **Mass on Independence Day**, 8:00am
- 6 & 7 **Can Drive** following all Masses for Steubenville fundraiser
- 7 **Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament**, 8:00am Shotgun Start,, Lake MacBride Golf Course
- 10 **Men's Health**, 7:00pm presentation in parish hall
- 10-15 **Mission Trip**, Alive in You—Appleton, Wisconsin
- 11 & 13 **VBS Training & Decorating**, 10:00-noon
- 16-20 **Vacation Bible School**, daily, 8:30-11:00 (noon on Thursday)
- 24 **Hospice 101**, 7:00pm in parish hall
- 27-29 **Steubenville Conference**, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 28 **Free Sports Physicals** in Cedar Rapids, 1-4:00

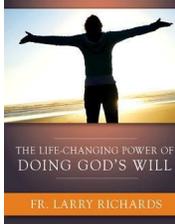
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Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters

To become a strong, confident woman, a daughter needs her father's attention, protection, courage, and wisdom.

SURRENDER!



Surrender!

Father Larry Richards challenges you to go against the grain and do what few are willing to do.

Thy KINGDOM Come, Thy WILL Be Done

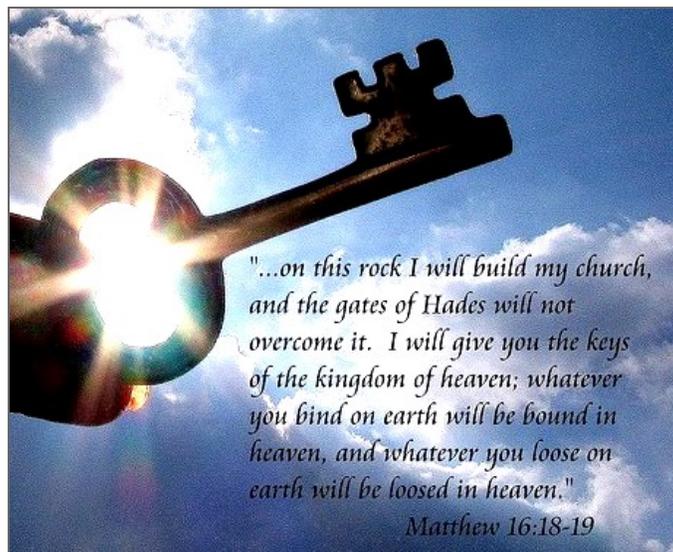
Jesus loved to talk about the Kingdom.

From Jesus we learn that the Kingdom is something of great value for which we should live lives of self-denial. Jesus wants his kingdom to include as many people as possible. If we wish to find the kingdom, we must first find His Church.

People today, as always, will be tempted to treat the Church as if it were incidental to salvation, far less important than an individual's subjective feelings and preferences. Yet Christ founded his Church to be the gift—objective and identifiable—that leads to eternal life. We walk away from that gift at our own peril. Given Christ's identification with his Church, which is his body, it is impossible to walk away from the Church without in some way stepping away from Christ.

—“Seek First The Kingdom” by Cardinal Joseph Wuerl

All are called to bring about the kingdom. All are called to be Christ.



"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:18-19



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O God, Our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.
We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under
God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.