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Sisters on my Mind

Religious sisters – nuns as we often call them – have been on my mind recently due to the convergence of three things.

I finished reading, “The Eighth American Saint,” by Katherine Burton. This book is about the life of Mother Theodore Guerin (1798-1856), foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Mother Guerin was canonized on October 15, 2006.

Hailing from Indiana myself, I thought I should read up on this newest American saint. Mother Guerin, and the sisters who came to the wilds of western Indiana with her, had a hard life. NOT just because they came to the edge of the frontier in 1840, but because they were women in the church.

The Bishop of Vincennes (which eventually became the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, my home diocese) thought these women were at his beck and call. He also thought they knew nothing about handling money and resources – so he was always willing to lend them a hand, often greasing it with the sisters’ meager resources.

If you know anything about the early years of most women’s religious communities in the United States, you know this was typical behavior on the part of American hierarchs.

I visited the powerful exhibit, “Woman & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America,” in Dubuque, Iowa. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious sponsored this traveling exhibit.

As their promotional materials state, “Women & Spirit reveals the mystery behind a small group of independent American women who helped shape the nation’s social and cultural landscape. First arriving in America nearly 300 years ago, throughout periods of struggle and controversy, sisters established schools, hospitals and colleges, and provided other social services that have served millions.”

This was the second time I had viewed it, the first in Cincinnati in 2009. Both times I was moved by the immense impact these women have had on our church and our country.

Actually, who could resist not seeing, again, the harp Mother Xavier Ross hauled down rivers and over land in 1857 from Nashville as she brought the Sisters of Charity to our own backyard at Leavenworth?

Also on display are cornhusk shoes pioneer sisters in South Dakota wore; the first medical license earned by a woman in New Mexico, issued to Sister Mary de Sales Leheney, SC, in 1901; a nurses bag used by Sister Anthony O’Connell, SC, in the Civil War, (Catholic Sisters were instrumental in nursing soldiers on both



sides of the conflict – timely to remember in this 150th anniversary year); and a shirt belonging to Sister Dorothy Kozel, OSU, murdered in El Salvador December 2, 1980.

For more information on this exhibit please visit: www.womenandspirit.org.

In our Thursday afternoon Vatican II reading group (where we read council documents and work to understand them) we completed *The Decree on the*

Appropriate Renewal of Religious Life (1965).

The council challenged all religious to renewal by rooting reforms in the scriptures and in the spirit of their communities’ founders.

I certainly find it ironic that while no women religious were included in the deliberations on this document – women religious by far did a great job in the renewal of their communities!

Religious sisters serve as a good example for implementing the new life council documents called for within the whole church. We even had a first-hand account of how renewal impacted the local community of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth!

Sisters are on my mind because of the great contributions they made and continue to make in the church. We have a few of these remarkable women in our parish – and many more women who once belonged to religious communities who now continue their commitment to Christ in other ways. All deserve our thanks for their witness to the risen Christ – a tradition begun many years ago with the women at the empty tomb.

Sister of Notre Dame Melanie Svoboda tells a story in one of her books. A religious sister carried a thank you note she once received in her prayer book for over 50 years. When asked near her death why she carried it, she responded, “It was the only thank you note I ever got.”

Many of us have been influenced by religious sisters in our past. What if we had an influence on them now by just sending a thank you note?

If not a religious sister, then certainly someone in our past deserves such a note: a teacher, a neighbor, a coach, the person who gave us our first job, someone who believed in us, encouraged us, held us accountable, and forgave us – someone who was in the right place at the right time for us.

Let’s take some time this Easter season to thank someone. A grateful heart is a sign of a good disciple and a good steward. Happy Easter!

The Toczek Family

"Saying our prayers has always been a given. But learning to pray – 'How? What to pray for?' – has been a struggle," Beth Toczek said of her family's prayer life.

A friend once told her that praying is "asking God for what we need and want, and not just trying to figure it out on our own." Knowing that has helped her pray.

Beth and her husband Kevin have three children, Coleton, 12, Maisey, 9, and Jessica, 7. The Toczeks have been parishioners since 2003.

Beth and Kevin are cradle Catholics. She grew up in Brookside, attending St. Peter's, Bishop Hogan High School and St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

When they moved to Kansas City from Nebraska, they attended St. Gabriel's, where the children were baptized. They came to Holy Family when they moved to their current home. Father Robert Stewart had been Beth's pastor at St. Peter's when she was growing up, so she felt connected.

Beth grew up as one of 13 children. Sharing dinner together was a "top priority. That's why she and Kevin consider it a priority, too.

"We share the day, talk about good, bad, right, wrong, feelings, emotions, trust, etc. Several children on the block join us for dinner often. They enjoy the socializing but also being a part of a prayerful meal," she noted.

"We use bedtime prayers to discuss harder issues like believing without seeing, forgiveness, patience, and learning to understand God's will and accept it," she added.

Kevin has participated in That Man Is You for several seasons.

"TMIY has helped me think about and live by our Catholic moral values, but also to help my children live by these values. There are little things that we don't realize, like what we watch on television or listen to on the radio, not only around our children, but when we are alone. Are we shutting these things off and using our time to get closer to our families and to God?

"We as fathers and husbands sometimes get caught up in the rat race of life and forget about what our role is in the family. TMIY has helped me realize what an impact we have on our families and other people we come in contact with," Kevin explained.

Beth added, "It always brings a new angle to our faith life when we discuss the sessions and about how it can improve



Kevin and Beth Toczek and their children, Coleton, Maisey and Jessica.

our family life."

The children attend New Mark and Fox Hill schools.

"Since the younger girls don't go to school until almost 9 a.m., we are able to attend weekday Mass often. What a wonderful gift that half hour service gives me each day."

The children attend religion classes at Holy Family. Beth is a PSR instructor for Maisey's third grade class.

"I have pretty tough demands of the kids. We keep prayer journals weekly and are learning to pray in different ways. I absolutely love seeing their smiling faces each week," she explained.

Coleton has been a server for two years and helped train new servers last summer. He was also a junior leader at Vacation Bible School. Maisey and Jessie enjoyed gardening at the church clean-up day. Maisey is in the children's choir and Jessie is looking forward to joining it next year. Kevin helps with outside improvements on the parish grounds. Beth enjoys cooking and baking for Catholic Worker House.

Kevin and Beth have been self-employed the last 11 years as owners of Big Red Decorative Concrete. Beth once worked in the corporate world, but they decided early on she would stay home with the kids. They sacrificed a bigger income to be present for their children.

Participating in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University changed their lives both financially and spiritually. "It's not our money any more, but God's money and we need to use it more wisely," Beth said.

ON THE JOB

With John Winkels
Director of Liturgy and Music

Helping people “pray better” is at the root of John Winkels’ work for Holy Family as director of liturgy and music.

While many people see John as a musician, he also stays busy with behind-the-scenes liturgical work.

John prepares the presider’s binder for each weekend’s liturgy. It contains prayers for that Mass, as well as special instructions for different seasons and feasts. Those instructions may range from renewing baptismal promises to recognizing couples celebrating a wedding anniversary or recognizing parish groups. It may include additional practices such as using incense or holy water at special times.

For each weekend liturgy, John prepares the prayers of the faithful. He is in tune with the needs of the world, the community, the church and the parish as he writes the prayers, striving to make them appropriate for Holy Family.

To keep liturgy flowing smoothly, he stays aware of a multitude of details and keeps others aware so the parish family can pray together each week.

John never works in isolation. He is in contact with a variety of people, many volunteers, from the pastor to lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, sacristans or musicians.

Every week he rehearses with the cantors, pianists, organists and other musicians, who “bring a great diversity of talents.” They prepare together so that all musicians feel comfortable at Mass. He works with a variety of musical skill levels, serving as a teacher.

He meets weekly with Maureen Loehr, parish pianist and organist, to rehearse and decide upon arrangements. They play duets together with her on piano or organ and him on organ or synthesizer.

Wednesday evenings are a marathon of choir practices. Children’s choir begins at 5:30. Adult choir begins at 7 and bell choir begins at 8:15.

He finds working with the children’s choir inspiring. Their parents are faithful in getting the children there for practice and he delights in hearing “new little voices.”



Nancy Smith serves as director while he accompanies both voice choirs. They have worked together for over 20 years. Over time they have become of “one mind, musically.”

At times, John also conducts from the keyboard, a gentle balancing act.

John orders and prepares sheet music. He might arrange or write additional parts for singers or musicians. He

selects music for each Mass to fit liturgically.

He meets with the liturgy committee on a seasonal basis. The group brainstorms themes, evaluates and plans for the future.

John leads training for servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and ushers, sometimes with the help of volunteers.

Art and environment is another component to effective liturgy. Ahead of each liturgical season, John makes plans. It might be contacting a wholesaler for flowers and plants, such as Easter lilies, finding just the right fabric for Lenten purple or rounding up rocks to build the baptismal font for Easter.

The art and environment committee helps him put up and tear down decorations and put them in storage. Its members serve as the parish’s “worker bees” who perform many different jobs.

In addition to planning liturgies from week to week, he also plans liturgies for special occasions, such as first Communion, communal reconciliation, confirmation, funerals and weddings.

He and Father Matthew meet with wedding couples to discuss all phases of the ceremony, including photos, flowers, music and attendants.

John, Father Matthew and Peggy Petersen meet with families prior to funerals. John finds this a “life-giving time, even though it’s a time of mourning for them.” He sees funerals as a celebration of the life of the deceased person, so he helps families plan readings and music that reflect the person’s personality.

Youth Shares Musical Talents

“If you have a talent, tell someone at church.”

Thomas Connor understands the importance of sharing God-given talents with others.

The seventh grade son of Scott and Denise Connor has been singing in Holy Family’s children’s choir for two years. Now, he’s backing up the choir by playing drums for them, too.

“I try to do what I can,” he said.

Thomas became interested in playing drums last year because some friends were playing them. He is in band at South Valley Middle School and takes private lessons. He practices from one to two hours a day.

This past February he impressed parishioners with his skills on the drum kit at a Saturday evening children’s Mass. John Winkels, director of liturgy and music, had started him out playing hand percussion and conga drums with the children’s choir, before asking him to play the entire set.

“I was really grateful to be asked,” Thomas said, “It was time to show people my talent.”

John said of him, “Thomas adds that percussive sound to the children’s choir when it is needed. He has



Thomas Connor

an innate sense about what is appropriate rhythmically for a particular piece of music. I hope he sticks with playing percussion, because he’s got natural talent.”

Recognized at Annual Mardi Gras



Bernard and Marge Gram were named the Holy Family Mardi Gras queen and king. The Grams are founding parishioners. The annual appreciation event was held Saturday, February 26.



Della Graf received a prize for best Mardi Gras outfit.

Faith matters

It's why we believe



If you would have asked me when I graduated from college what I was going to be when I grew up, I would have said, "A kindergarten teacher." I certainly took a wrong turn somewhere.

Looking back, there was no wrong turn, simply my desire to go *my* way and not God's way. You see, when I first walked through the doors of Holy Family Parish, I was a 15-year-old confirmed Catholic and I wanted to be involved.

When my family moved to Kansas City my sophomore year, the only opportunities for a young person was to go to confirmation classes. I had already been confirmed, so I couldn't do anything but attend Mass. ***God planted a seed.***

It was no coincidence. When my mom, Peggy Petersen, looked for a way to share her time and talent within our new parish, she became a confirmation class leader. Because of her involvement I helped at some retreats and participated in social and service activities with teens in my age group.

After I had graduated from college, married and was pregnant with my third daughter, my mom became youth minister. She asked me to help lead a confirmation class. ***A sprout appeared.***

When I began co-leading my first confirmation class, I was no more prepared to be there than the teens I was supposed to be leading. My faith had been wavering. I believed my mom had lost her mind putting me in charge of the faith formation of these high school students. But after the first class, talking with those teenagers, I felt something stir inside, like something that had been dead was coming alive again. ***God was cultivating me.***

That first year only ten teens were in the confirmation group. Father Robert knew our parish was growing with young families and needed to sustain the teens. He hired me to work 10 hours a week to start a high school youth group.

After the education wing and parish hall were built, Father Robert

offered me the youth ministry position full time. The teens took over the former parlor, claiming it as the youth room. The next confirmation group had 16 teens, and nearly doubled to 31 teens in 2002. ***I was growing.***

I have attended conferences, training sessions and multiple retreats to help keep my soil well-nourished. I learned the following words of wisdom, "In ministry, you cannot give what you do not have" so one must "minister to themselves so they can better minister to others."

I think of these words often and continue to challenge myself to learn new things or look at new ways to teach. I love the phrase, "Speak the Gospel and when necessary, use words" because this helps me to grow, challenging me to attend daily Mass, go to reconciliation, spend time in adoration and put God and my family first before all things.

I am fed.

Over 70 teens are registered in the junior high youth session and 43 in the senior high youth sessions. We have consistently had a group of 32-36 teens each year to receive the sacrament of confirmation since 2002.

I have taken dozens of teens to Springfield, Mo., to "The Kitchen" for summer mission trips and several families to River Ranch Resort for canoe trips. I've shared precious memories with over a hundred teens and adults at NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Kansas City, 2009; Columbus, 2007; Atlanta, 2005; and Indianapolis, 2001.

The past two summers I have very much enjoyed taking teens to Notre Dame Vision, a summer conference at the University of Notre Dame. I plan to take teens to the One Bread, One Cup conference at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana to learn about faith and liturgical ministries in the future. ***I am planting.***

After 12 years, I am living out a vocation I didn't realize I had as a teenager. I am privileged to have a job where I can offer junior high and senior high teens the faith-filled activities I had longed for when I was their age. I ***know*** this is where I am supposed to be because I have a husband, three daughters and an extended family who are supportive and encourage me to do more and be a better person in this ministry.

I am surrounded by the Son.



Heather Neds
Director of Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School

JULY 11-15

9 A.M. TO NOON

God is wild about you, kids!

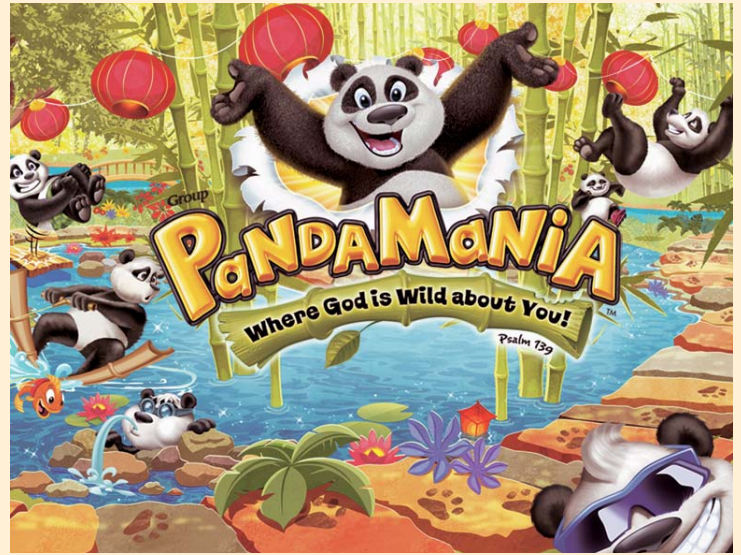
Get ready for PandaMania, this year's Vacation Bible School at Holy Family. Come discover that God made each one of you with a purpose and plan.

A daily Bible point is integrated into each activity. Activities include songs, stories, games, movies and crafts.

PandaMania is for children from first through fifth grades. A Panda Preschool will be held, too. Kids should be four years old by August 1 to attend. If they are three and toilet trained, they may attend with an adult.

Registration began April 30 for parishioners. It begins June 5 for non-parishioners. Sign up in the parish hall after Mass. Registration ends June 23 or when 130 children have signed up.

Cost is \$20 for parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners. It includes a t-shirt, crafts and snacks for



the week.

Ember Riley, director of religious education, needs many volunteers to make Vacation Bible School a "spiritual, successful and fun-filled week." Contact her at ember@holyfamily.com or call her at 436-9200, ext. 28.

The children will present a grand finale program on Friday, July 15, at 11 a.m. Adults are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow.

Each day of Vacation Bible School features a cartoon buddy, a Bible point, verse and story to emphasize the point.

God made you.

Day 1



Fez

God listens to you.

Day 2



Amanda

God watches over you.

Day 3



Boomer

God loves you no matter what.

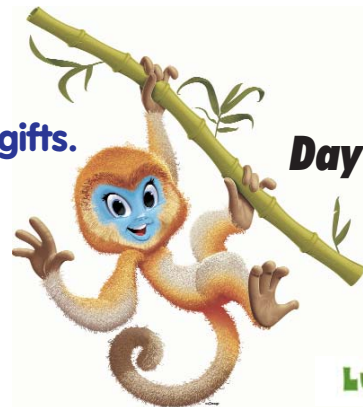
Day 4



Pogo

God gives good gifts.

Day 5



Lulu

Hold on Tight . . .

Trust the Spirit is going to move you!

While not quite this past year's Los Angeles Religious Education Congress theme, pastoral associate Peggy Petersen feels it could have been. The actual theme was "Hold Firm . . . Trust."

Several Holy Family staff members and three catechists recently attended the congress, the largest event in the nation offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those in catechetical and related ministries.

Over 280 workshops covered a wide range of topics from spirituality, music and personal development to biblical studies and catechesis. Staff members have attended the last four years.

Father Matthew encourages staff to take advantage of continuing formation, locally as well as nationally. He feels that attending such events challenge staff to grow in mind, heart and spirit.

More than 40,000 people attended this year's congress. Nine of the 13 attendees from Kansas City were from Holy Family.

Here's what those attending said about their experiences:

Jennifer Fernandez – "It was a really wonderful experience and will help me be a better catechist for the children at Holy Family. I have enjoyed teaching second grade, eighth grade, confirmation and senior high youth group for several years now, but after my experience at congress, I know I have gained some really great tools and information. The session breakouts were very informative and interesting.

"I also got to spend some quality time with the other catechists at Holy Family and we shared ideas each day on what we learned. We each attended different sessions and were able to gain even greater knowledge by sharing what was discussed. It was a great benefit to me and I look forward to having the opportunity to attend again



Several people from Holy Family attended the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress this past March. Pictured from left, back row: Patty Whelchel, director of stewardship and development; Peggy Petersen, pastoral associate; Jennifer Fernandez, catechist, Amy Gilmore, catechist; Heather Neds, director of youth ministries; front row: Suzanne Hill, communications coordinator; Marie Relic, parish manager; Mindy Lehman, catechist; and Ember Riley, director of religious education.

next year.”

Amy Gilmore – “To encounter others who are willing to share their insights and enthusiasm with you and let you share yours is amazing. I have been around long enough to know we all need each other to keep growing and changing to make it work. We have so much to share with each other and sometimes the simplest statement is the one that makes you stop, look at what you are doing and have the ‘ah ha’ moment. Opportunities like congress give us a chance to share and have those moments.”

Suzanne Hill – “We are called to spread the ‘Good News.’ As communications coordinator, I am called to do so in the context of how Holy Family lives as a Catholic community. Congress bolsters me in this mission. Some of what I experienced uplifted me spiritually, while other experiences help me both directly and indirectly in my work. As I learn more about my faith, the easier it is for me to communicate faith to our parishioners. I also enjoyed the wide variety of liturgical expression in the Masses, as well as prayer opportunities.”

Mindy Lehman – “Catholicism is so much bigger than my little church in Kansas City. . . . I am certainly no expert in my faith. . . . It is so vitally necessary to continue to learn more about my profession to be Catholic.

“I am fascinated by how our faith and science work together, by how public policy and our faith can be integrated, by how our faith exists in our pop culture world and thrives. I have found an endless supply of information at congress on all these things.”

“I can’t begin to tell you how much I love going to the different Masses at congress, to see how different a jazz Mass, a Celtic Mass and a Black culture Mass are from our Masses at Holy Family and are still fundamentally the same. My heart soars that despite all the negative press Catholicism gets, our faith is alive and well.”

Peggy Petersen – “I walked away with information that will be helpful in a multitude of the ministries I am involved in. In fact, the first day I was back at work, I used information about a scripture passage with the Monday evening Acts Bible study group.

“My all-time favorite presenter is Father J-Glenn Murray. I attended his session on Eucharistic worship and the quote that stuck with me is ‘We go to the altar and we altered!’ What a wonderful thing to keep in mind, how receiving Jesus will change our lives.

“Father John Cusick gave some great insight into the

ministry of Jesus in his presentation on ‘An Adult Appreciation of the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ.’ (He explained) why Jesus said and did the things he did and the underlying meaning. Priceless information. I wish more people could partake in the wealth of knowledge that fills the convention center for those few days!”

Marie Relic – “My first experience in attending the Religious Ed Congress in LA was uplifting, relaxing and informative. Almost all of the sessions I attended exceeded my expectations. The speakers were well-prepared, kept their presentations moving, and, at times, were very entertaining. The sessions I attended on gratitude, forgiveness and trust in God were the most meaningful to me, but it was hard to process all the material given to me in a short amount of time.

“Attending Mass each day was a bonus. The Masses were beautifully done, and although they were

long, the exposure to other cultures and music was well worth the time spent. I found myself wishing I could attend Mass more than once each day so that I could experience more. I grew up listening to my mother’s Hawaiian music albums and have been to Hawaii several times, so I really enjoyed the Mass of the Islands. The ensemble that played for the jazz Mass was awesome.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the conference. Even the cool, wet weather didn’t ruin the weekend.”

Ember Riley – “March begins a busy time for me at work; PSR is winding down and preparation for first Communion has begun. It is always such a spiritually renewing experience for me each year I attend congress. It comes at the perfect time to rejuvenate myself for the rest of the year. Words can’t describe how awe inspiring it is to attend a Mass with over 30,000 people. It reminds me how awesome it is to be Catholic!”

Patty Whelchel – “Attending the Religious Education Congress in LA provides me a time to share my faith and reflect with others. It is an opportunity to discover that what we are doing individually is for the good of the Kingdom of God – knowing we are not alone, yet all striving for that same goal. Hopefully, you also are blessed with good information to take back to share with your faith community! Spending the weekend in prayer, worship, sessions and fellowship brings you a sense of renewal that is so important in ministry. This time away is always filled with anticipation of God’s great work in my life.”





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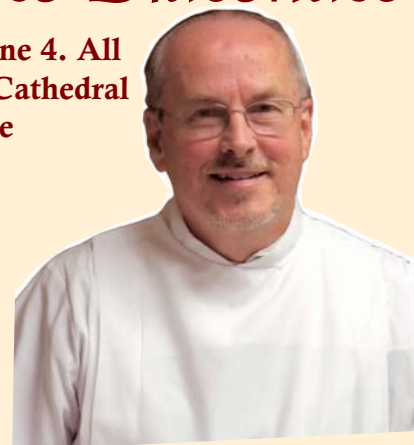
EVENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES

Jim McConnell to Be Ordained to Diaconate

Jim McConnell will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, June 4. All Holy Family parishioners are welcome to attend the ordination at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 10 a.m. A reception will follow at the Catholic Center at 20 West Ninth Street.

Jim and his wife Cindy will hold a party beginning at 7 p.m. at C-Point Pavilion at Weatherby Lake. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Please call 816-741-9882 for directions and to RSVP. The McConnells' address is 90605 NW 77th Terrace.

Bishop Robert Finn has assigned Jim to Holy Family. His ministry will be with "Water with Blessings," a non-profit organization that sets up filters for clean drinking water in developing countries. It is based in Kansas City, Louisville, Ky., and Boston.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 14

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT, 6 P.M.

WEEKEND MAY 14-15

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND, AFTER ALL MASSES
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

WEEKEND JUNE 11-12

'TAKE THE NEXT STEP' COMMITMENT WEEKEND
STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND, AFTER ALL MASSES
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

SUMMER CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS, 7 P.M. PRACTICE EACH WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE WEEKEND YOU WANT TO SING.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

WELCOMING EVENT, 6:15 P.M. OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

WEEKEND JULY 9-10

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND, AFTER ALL MASSES
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

WEEK OF JULY 11-15

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SEE PAGE 7

WEEKEND AUGUST 13-14

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND, AFTER ALL MASSES
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

Knights of Columbus

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The Holy Family Council starts serving its summer breakfast menu on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 8. The menu consists of fruit, freshly baked cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee.

On Friday, September 9, the Knights will hold a pizza party for PSR students in recognition of their efforts to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House during the past school year.

The Knights also sponsor the aluminum can drive. Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer on the parish parking lot. This has been a good fund-raiser that gives people the chance to help the environment.

Catholic men of the parish, 18 years or older, may join the Knights of Columbus. For information, contact deputy grand knight Jim Graf at 734-2393.

SPREADING THE WORD

By Suzanne Hill, Editor



Holy Family has taken “the first step in a process of many” to improve the parking lot situation, according to parish manager Marie Relic.

Lutjen, an area survey, planning, engineering and landscape architecture firm, completed a line of sight study on 96th Street for a proposed entrance to be constructed north of the recycling bins’ current location.

Sight distance is the length of road visible to a driver pulling out to avoid collisions. These requirements increase with the street’s design speed. The proposed entrance would have enough sight distance in each direction for a design speed of 50 miles per hour.

Holy Family has authorized Lutjen to move forward with the site plan and construction documents. The firm will assist the parish in presenting the plan and through the city review process. It will make revisions as necessary and submit final construction drawings for the permit.

Marie stressed that the city has not yet approved the parking lot extension or the new entrance.

Commitment weekend for the “Take the Next Step” campaign extension will be held the second weekend of June, also stewardship weekend. Please return your boxes with your pledge cards for both the building fund and the annual appeal that weekend or soon thereafter.

Whew! Holy Family’s history book is now complete. I started working on this project in 2008. You may pick up your copies in the parish hall during stewardship weekends. One per family, please.

The parish is in the process of compiling a Guide Book. It will contain contact information for staff members, essential parish information, ministry guide and a directory of parishioners. It will arrive at your homes through the mail sometime in June. The Guide Book is provided courtesy of our advertisers. Please patronize them.

This month’s Holy Family Matters covers are photo collages of parish events. We have scenes from the Men’s Club fish fry and shrimp dinner, the Knights of Columbus Valentine’s dance, the parish cleanup day, the annual Mardi Gras, a stewardship weekend and Father Matthew’s retreat on gratitude and gifts. This is just a sampling of what Holy Family offers.

More photos taken of Holy Family events are posted at www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyKCMO. The page is open to the public. If you are a Facebook member, come join the other parishioners who “like” us. If you take any photos at church, please feel free to share them with us.

STATEMENT OF PARISH FUNDS ON DEPOSIT

March 31, 2011

Emergency Reserves (Diocesan Account)	\$158,499.14
Building Fund (Diocesan Account)	\$879,545.77
Sound System (Diocesan Account)	\$34,348.35
Building Fund (Parish Accounts)	\$88,913.30
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Total Building Funds	\$1,161,306.56

Building Fund



\$1,673,100 pledged

Collected

7/1/2008-3/31/11

*Adults: \$1,227,884

Youth: \$30,018

**Due to an error in December financial statements, the amount collected shown in the previous issue was overstated by \$40,000.*

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