



Clarion

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

PARISH SURVEY WEEKEND

NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 14TH - 15TH,
AT ALL THE MASSES

As Father Bernie indicated in his bulletin letter last weekend, in order to get a greater amount of feedback from parishioners regarding the strengths and blessings of Saint Anne Parish, along with our issues and concerns, we will be led through a written survey in place of the Homily that will take about ten minutes to complete.

Come prepared with
thoughts . . . reflections . . . and ideas . . .
as to where and how you believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow as the Catholic Community of Saint Anne.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Anne

Catholic Community

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS

WEDDINGS

There are no weddings scheduled at this time.

BAPTISMS

There were no baptisms last weekend.

REMEMBERING...

Monday, November 9th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society

Tuesday, November 10th

8:15 Elizabeth Pawlowski—*The Gillis and Pawlowski Families*
Sophia Comber—*The Comber Family*

Wednesday, November 11th (School Mass)

8:30 Peter Pagor—*The Family*
Thomas Winkler—*The Tierney Family*

Thursday, November 12th

8:15 Special Intention
Katie and Ashley Kole—*Mom, Dad, Bryanna and Zacary*

Friday, November 13th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society

Saturday, November 14th

Mass of Anticipation
5:15 Mossy Fitzgerald—*The Fitzgerald Family*
Virginia Corgan—*The Tierney Family*

Sunday, November 15th

7:15 People of St. Anne

9:00 John Loster—*The Thomas Family*
Marc Weaver—*The Family*
Anne and Urban Thobe, 40th Wedding Anniversary
Mike Crowe—*Bob and Mary Ellen Henehan*
Margaret E. Lindeman—*James Wilfinger*

11:00 Anna and Joseph Rudolph—*Joe Rudolph*
The Hugh Sharpe Family—*Beth Carpenter*
Frank Jakacki—*Tom Schuhler*
Grace Hoffman—*The Sneed Family*
Patricia McCafferty—*The Golec Family*

5:15 Michael Breslin—*The Cunningham Family*
Dorie Kloeckner—*Terry Wiesen*

OUR MISSION

We, a Catholic Christian people rooted by Baptism, take as our challenge the mission of Jesus: to build the Kingdom of God, standing in solidarity with the poor. We are committed to:

Welcoming

- Welcoming all people and providing a sense of belonging to people at every stage of life

Creating

- Creating a place of enjoyment, excitement and fun for people of all ages

Healing

- Healing, reconciling and reaching out in caring service to others

Reaching Out

- Serving those in need, especially the broken, through generous gifts of time, talent and treasure

Serving

- Gathering at Eucharist and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church and the sacramental moments of our lives

Gathering

- Telling and sharing the Living Story of Jesus

Sharing

So challenged, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills us and empowers us so that we may become the Living Presence of Jesus in our contemporary world.

RESTING IN PEACE

Gerald F. Bataille,
husband of Lois "Hodo;"

James F. Hollister,
husband of Abigail and
father of Elisabeth, Sarah and Julie;

Ronald A. Knill,
husband of Evelyn and
father of Steven;

Mario Yango,
husband of Pilar and
father of Cynthia Yango-Eugenio

A few good words from a member of our core parish staff...

Our staff members are presenting articles for this special page in an attempt to communicate with you, the people of St. Anne. This weekend it is my privilege to share some thoughts and address some areas that touch me personally as part of my ministry.

First, I want to talk about the inserts provided by our Adult Education Ministry that you have received and will continue to receive in the *Clarion* throughout the year. The *Generations of Faith* theme is 'prayer' this year, and it is important that the entire parish be included in this theme. In early October, you received "Pathways to Prayer" and soon you will receive "An Invitation to Prayer." Each issue will give you much to think about and hopefully, to talk about. Families, how good it would be to spend some time around the table sharing some of Father Edward Hays' insights and seeing how they resonate in your family. Father poses interesting questions in his article and gives us some helpful suggestions. Did you ever think of praying when you leave home, when you fasten your seat belt or before you make a phone call? Have you ever considered creating a prayer space in your home? Father Hays says, "Most of us receive little support in our search for God from the surrounding society." Would you agree? Hopefully, this short reading and the others that will follow throughout the year will be valuable to you personally and as a family.

Second, I want to share the good news about our parish library. The growth of the number of adults and children using this facility is very rewarding. Children seem to be enjoying the eye-catching and interesting books, videos and DVDs that are teaching them values, virtues and various aspects of their faith. Families are taking advantage of materials specifically for their enrichment

and enjoyment in the home. Please remember that the library is operated on a self-serve basis and is very accessible daily on the mezzanine level of the church building. I invite you to stop by, browse, sign out materials or just relax and read in a comfortable setting.

Third, I want to tell you about a special Halloween project we had last week. The Halloween candy project! Several years ago Sister Anna Marie and I took on a project that has become an annual and very successful event. Aware of the huge quantity of Halloween "trick or treat" candy that is collected by our children, we wondered how that unbelievably enormous amount could be shared and distributed to others who could not, for many reasons, go from door to door on Halloween. The result of our thinking was a project in which a small brown lunch bag is given to each child in St. Anne School to be filled and returned to school. The project was a success from the start! The children are most generous, and even neighbors from the area drop off the candy they have left after Halloween! We have a group of adult volunteers who sort and pack approximately 30 shopping bags of candy that we deliver primarily to children in poverty-stricken areas, to various institutions, and to nursing home residents. The children see how their caring and sharing can bring happiness to the young and old; it has even made many moms very happy to have less candy in the house!

Finally, after many years of writing weekly *Clarion* articles, I want you to know that I appreciate the feedback I continue to receive from many of you. It is affirming to hear that you find them spiritually helpful and that you are sharing them with family members and friends.

God reward you for all the good that you do!

Office of the Pastor

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for November 1st, 2009

Parishioners attending Sunday Liturgy: 2,344	
Sunday Offering Envelopes used: 509	\$35,956.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card Offerings: 220	\$6,500.00
Grand Total for the Week	\$42,456.00
Budget for Operating Expenses	\$42,000.00
Difference	+\$456.00

Year to Date Collection vs. Budget

Year to Date Sunday Collection	\$720,267.00
Year to Date Budget	\$756,000.00
Difference	-\$35,733.00

Year to Date Extraordinary Collections

Sharing Parishes	\$23,260.00
Archdiocesan Required Collections	\$10,155.00
Complete the Journey/Debt Reduction	\$116,045.00

Finance Notes

Today is the first Sunday that we are collecting for the **Fall Catch-Up** here at Saint Anne. This collection is to help offset the shortage in Sunday collections as well as help us to cover the operating debt which was accumulated during the last fiscal year.

This week each parishioner family was sent a letter and an envelope for this collection. Please read the letter carefully and prayerfully consider its contents. We will begin to record the catch-up collection separately on next week's financial report.

Mass attendance was up last week. That coupled with the fact that it was the first Sunday of the month, which is when most of the monthly envelopes arrive, really helped boost our collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Bernie and Margaret Buckstaff



WORK OF HUMAN HANDS HOLIDAY SALE

NOVEMBER 21st-22nd



The Faithjustice Committee invites everyone to its annual Holiday Fair Trade Sale after all of the Masses on November 21st-22nd.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit both Catholic Relief Services' program to support small-scale producers to build better lives for themselves and their families by receiving fair wages for the production of their products, and the Women's Bean Project, a program based in Denver to help at risk-women and their children to gain economic self-sufficiency. A large number of artisan crafts, jewelry, food products and chocolate will be available. Bring your holiday gift list and take advantage of this alternative shopping opportunity. Cash or checks will be accepted.

Catholic Relief Services and SERRV are nonprofit organizations.
1.800.685.7572 . www.crsfairtrade.org



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mimi and Howell **Howard**

Peggy and Glenn **Pauli**
(Karissa, Damien)

Julia and Mikaël **Praud**
(Anabelle, Maximilien)

Erica and Larry **Schmitt**

Worship

Notice some small changes? We have been trying to implement some small changes in the way we do things at Mass on Sundays.

I thought I would mention them here, so that you can be sure we are not forgetting something, missing a cue, or improvising!

* SILENCES *

In the 2000 General Instruction on the Roman Missal, there was a clarification of a dynamic that was in place all along: there should be appropriate silences within the liturgy for interiorization of public prayer and proclamation. In part, here is what the Missal says: "Sacred silence ... is to be observed at the designated times. Its purpose ... depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus, within the (penitential rite) and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts." We are trying, thus, to include some silence 1) after the priest invites us in the penitential rite to remember God's mercy, and that we are sinners; 2) after the priest says, "Let us pray" before the opening prayer; 3) after each reading (including the psalm) and homily; and 4) after Communion. These brief silences offer us an opportunity to connect our lives with all that we have seen and heard in the liturgy, and to bring our lives into the liturgy in authentic ways.

* INTENTIONS *

The Mass intentions are being incorporated into the general intercessions (prayers of the faithful) rather than announced at the beginning of Mass. This is truer to the spirit of the intentions themselves. Also, rather than announcing a list of the sick at every Mass, we are trying to move toward a practice of having those at Mass speak the names of the sick aloud, so that all can pray for them. We will always

pray, in a generalized way, for all the sick of our parish and those dear to us. That is the meaning of "general" intercessions - the faithful (all of the baptized) pray for *all* of the sick of the community and the world. So when the deacon or intercessor asks us to speak the names of the sick, say the name of whomever you wish us to pray aloud. It doesn't matter if they are said all at once; all of us *intend* to pray for all the sick, and the names spoken aloud will help awaken our solidarity with them, and our desire to pray for their healing.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS *

We are having the cantor read the announcements before Mass, rather than after Communion. After Communion, the priest will make a single announcement (at most), of something that is of general importance to the whole parish. The really essential thing is that we all take a copy of the *Clarion* and read it. The announcements are generally in there, and in greater detail than we can manage to use at Mass.

* GREETING EACH OTHER *

This is not exactly new, since Fr. Jack did it regularly, but we wanted to be more general about it and make it an expectation that the folks with whom we worship are more than just anonymous faces. So we will take a minute before we start to introduce ourselves to anyone sitting around us. It will also be a way of extending another welcome to any visitors or newcomers among us.

These little tweaks to our gathering and the addition of the expected silences during the Mass should help raise the beauty and meaningfulness of our celebrations, at least to the extent that we surrender to their wisdom, and enter into the liturgy as full, conscious, active participants. God's Holy Spirit is changing us, day by day, into Christ, and thus is saving the world. It seems to me that that is something worth celebrating.

Parish Life



WOMEN'S CLUB EVENT

The St. Anne Women's Club invites you to a Mother and Son Outing at Pinstripes in South Barrington on **Saturday, November 14th**, starting at noon. Bring your sons, their friends, grandsons,

nephews or any young man in your life who likes to have fun! Pinstripes is located at 100 West Higgins Road, South Barrington. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes 90 minutes of bowling, pizza, and drinks. For more information and to R.S.V.P., contact Mary Sneed at **847.756.4235**. All reservations are due by **Monday, November 9th**.

ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

All are invited to join St. Anne Book Club on **Tuesday, November 17th**, at 7:30 p.m., in the parish library for a discussion of "*The Commoner*," by John Burnham Schwartz. A review follows:

"Schwartz bases his finely wrought fourth novel on the life of Empress Michiko of Japan, the first commoner to marry into the Japanese imperial family. Haruko Tsuneyasu grows up in postwar rural Japan and studies at Sacred Heart University, where she excels—particularly and fatefully—at tennis, which provides her entrée to the crown prince, whom she handily beats in an exhibition match. After more meetings on and off the court, the prince asks Haruko to marry him. Persuaded by their mutual attraction and by assurances that the break with tradition will usher in a modern era, Haruko ultimately agrees, against her father's wishes, to become the first commoner turned royal. But, as her father had feared, her freedom and ambition suffer under the stifling rituals of court life. Eventually, Haruko succumbs to the inescapable judgment of the empress and her entourage, falling mute after the birth of her son, Yasuhito. Though the narrative loses some of its life after Haruko marries—perhaps mirroring Haruko's experience within the palace walls—urgency returns after Haruko chooses a wife for Yasuhito; the marriage tests Haruko's dedication to the crown. Schwartz pulls off a grand feat in giving readers a moving dramatization of a cloistered world." (Publisher's Weekly)

KNITTING MINISTRY

The next Knitting Ministry meeting date is **Monday, November 9th**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Parish Center conference room. Please come or send your hand crafted items to the knit and crochet group as we prepare for winter weather and the holidays. Everything that we are able to gather will be sent off as prayers that can be held on to from the St. Anne Catholic Community. For more information, call **Liz at 847.381.8695**.

BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Anne community will sponsor a blood drive with LifeSource on **Sunday, November 15th**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria, lower level. Please plan to donate. Blood banks run low at this time of year.

Blood banks are always trying to reach out to new blood donors. As our population ages, more complex medical procedures are needed, and the need for blood and blood products increases. Without new donors, shortages are inevitable. We need your help. There is no substitute for blood, and the need for blood is steadily increasing.

If you have not donated before, the process is easy. Lasting about 30 minutes from start to finish, the blood collection takes only about 10 minutes. You must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Bring your driver's license. Most medications, such as blood pressure medicine or aspirin, will not disqualify you from donating. It is suggested to have a good breakfast before donating. If you have questions about medical eligibility, call the help desk at **877.543.3768**.

Our last blood drive was our best ever, and we are planning to top it this time. If you have a little extra time on Sunday morning, please be a donor.

ADVENT PREPARATION

The Environment and Art Committee will be setting up for Advent on **Friday, November 27th**, at 8:00 a.m. Please join us as we prepare the Chapel, Gathering Space, and Church for the season of Advent. Also, Christmas setup will be **Wednesday, December 23rd**. For more information, contact **Courtney Murtaugh** at murtaughs@ameritech.net.

Adult Formation



LaFarge Lifelong Learning

Inspiration Through Continuing Education

Presented by the St. Anne Catholic Community

Adults 50 years and better are invited to get inspired this holiday season with new skills learned through St. Anne's LaFarge Lifelong Learning Program. Courses meet once per week for six weeks and are held in the St. Anne Senior Center. Instruction is paced to the individual needs of each participant to ensure an enjoyable and rewarding learning experience for all.

Call immediately to register - classes start this week!

For more information, please contact the LaFarge office at **847.381.5799**.

Fall II 2009 LaFarge Course Offerings

Class	Day/Dates	Time/Instructor	Fee
Advanced Beginner Computing 6 classes	Mondays 11/9 – 12/14	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Mike Konie	\$30.00
Digital Photography 6 classes	Mondays 11/9 – 12/14	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Doug Jones	\$20.00
Woodcarving 6 classes	Wednesdays 11/11 – 12/16	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Jim Hoffman	\$20.00
Internet Skills 6 classes	Wednesdays 11/11 – 12/16	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Mike Konie	\$30.00
Advanced Watercolor Painting 6 classes	Thursdays * 11/12 – 12/17	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Jim Kennedy	\$25.00

* No class on Thanksgiving, November 26th

Suggest a course or share your talent!

LaFarge classes are taught by volunteers with expertise in their area of instruction, either as hobbyists or through their professional careers. If you have a talent you would like to share with others or a suggestion for a course you would like to see offered, please call us at **847.381.5799**.

Generations of Faith

November 9th through 14th

WHY PRAY?

Our first event concentrated on “what” is prayer. At the upcoming event of **Generations of Faith**, we focus on the “why” of prayer. November is the month in which we dedicate an entire day to one type of prayer – the prayer of thanksgiving. But our prayer lives extend beyond this one day. Why should prayer be a part of our everyday lives? Why is it necessary and beneficial to our spiritual well-being? We answer the question “Why Pray?” at this month’s **Generations of Faith** event.

AMY FLORIAN

GUEST SPEAKER FOR ALL ADULT SESSIONS

I am pleased to announce that St. Anne parishioner, Amy Florian, will be the presenter at the adult breakout for all six sessions of this event. Ms. Florian is a liturgy and bereavement consultant and grief coach as well as an adjunct professor at Loyola, Dominican and St. Xavier Universities. She conducts missions as well as workshops in prayer, liturgy and bereavement both regionally and nationwide. Ms. Florian, a certified Thanatologist, holds a Masters in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in liturgy and bereavement from Loyola University and is a Fellow in Thanatology of the Association for Death Education and Counseling.

PLEASE JOIN US

If you are registered for **Generations of Faith** but have not selected your session for the **Why Pray?** event, please call the **Generations of Faith** office for assistance at **847.620.3069** or e-mail **Carla Czyzewski** at cczyzewski@stannebarrington.org. If you would like to experience **Generations of Faith** but are not registered for the year, you can pay \$20.00 per person at the door for a single session. Please call **Carla Czyzewski** at **847.620.3069** for details. The dates and times for the upcoming sessions are listed below:

Event	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WHY PRAY?	11/09/2009 7-9:30 p.m.	11/10/2009 6-8:30 p.m.	11/11/2009 6-8:30 p.m.	11/12/2009 5:30-8 p.m.	11/13/2009 6-8:30 p.m.	11/14/2009 9-11:30 a.m.

Accessibility: the St. Anne campus is wheel chair accessible. If anyone has any other special needs, such as large print or a sign-language interpreter, please contact the **Generations of Faith** office and speak to Carla Czyzewski at **847.620.3069** at least 72 hours before the beginning of the session you are attending.

Faith and Justice

SHARING WEEKEND

In celebration of Sharing Weekend, we are pleased to welcome **Rev. Mark Bartosic, Pastor of St. Frances of Rome**, our Sharing Parish, to all Masses this weekend. Please plan on stopping by the hospitality tables in the Gathering Space to meet him!

Since 2003, our sharing parish has been St. Frances of Rome, which is located in Cicero, Illinois. St. Frances of Rome is a vibrant faith community which has in recent years welcomed a large Hispanic population and is working to meld different cultural traditions. St. Anne, through the Sharing Board, has supported St. Frances's attempts to strengthen its school program by establishing school scholarships and rejoiced with St. Frances as the enrollment at the school has grown during our years of partnership.

Opportunities for a social, cultural, and liturgical exchange are as important as the sharing of resources. Members of each parish are always welcome guests at the liturgies in the other parish. In addition, the children of both parish schools participate in a number of cooperative programs, building a foundation of cross-cultural friendship and understanding.

Most recently, our St. Anne School third grade visited St. Frances to learn about the Day of the Dead Latino tradition, celebrating the lives of loved ones who have passed.



Although St. Frances is our official sharing parish, through St. Anne's long time relationship with the community of St. Gelasius, the Sharing Board continues to support two ministries that have survived the closing of that parish: **St. Columbanus/St. Gelasius Food Pantry and St. Martin de Porres House of Hope.**

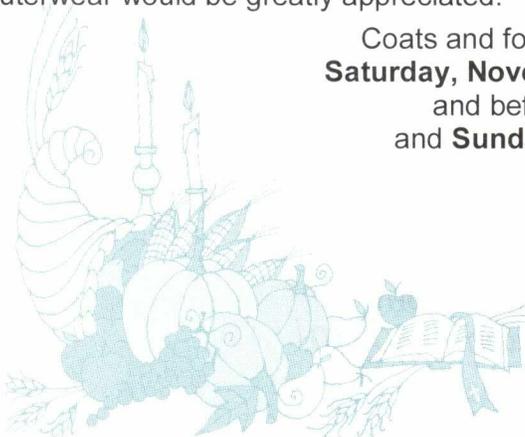
The St. Anne Sharing Board will distribute food bags this weekend for its annual Thanksgiving Food and Coat drive for the St. Columbanus and St. Gelasius Food Pantry.

Please take a sharing bag and fill it with non-perishable food items, such as canned fruits and vegetables, canned soups and stews, canned meats, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereals, juices, etc. Jewel and Dominick's gift certificates are also appreciated. There is also a need for warm coats. Any gently used or new warm outerwear would be greatly appreciated.

Coats and food bags will be collected next weekend
Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
and before and after the 5:15 p.m. Mass,
and **Sunday, November 15th**, until 12:45 p.m.



Adult volunteers are needed to help load and unload the truck for 1-2 hour shifts before and after the Masses. For more information or to volunteer, please call **Pam Jacobs** at **847.277.1635**.



Youth Formation

SUPPORT PROJECT HOPE AND ST. ANNE SCHOOL



Purchase Market Day pies for families in need for Thanksgiving.

We will order the pies and deliver them to Project Hope for distribution. No pick-up is necessary!

NOTE: Please use this form **ONLY** for Project Hope donations. 14 delicious pies for your holiday needs as well as other tasty foods are available online at www.marketday.com.

All pie orders support St. Anne Home and School and the Eighth Grade Graduation Banquet.

Orders are due by **Monday, November 9th**.

For more information, contact **Beth Koesser** at ekoesser@aol.com or **847.516.0468**.



MARKET DAY PIE ORDER FORM

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to order:

_____ Apple Pie - \$10.00 each

_____ Pumpkin Pie - \$10.00 each

_____ Pies x \$10.00 = \$ _____ Total



*Checks should be payable to Market Day

Please drop off at Saint Anne School Office, email to Beth Koesser (ekoesser@aol.com) or mail to 116 Park Drive, Port Barrington IL 60010.

Faith and Justice

You are cordially invited to
House of Hope's 6th Annual
Holiday Open House

Benefiting local families in crisis through St. Anne's Project Hope

Wednesday, November 11th

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

- * Music * Refreshments * Prizes *
- * Cooking Demos * Wine Sampling *
- * Cookie Sale * Local Vendors *
- * Santa & Mrs. Claus! *

Browse six huge rooms of new and vintage furniture,
holiday treasures, clothing, toys and more as we open the doors
to our biggest Open House ever!

Share the spirit of the season at this very special
evening fundraiser for Project Hope.

Bring the kids and the camera
for a special visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

*The festivities continue through Saturday
with new arrivals every day!*

(House of Hope will be closed during the day on Wednesday to prepare for this evening event.)



House of Hope Resale Shop
Heirlooms & Treasures
200 N. Hough Street • Downtown Barrington
Wed.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. • 847.756.4673

Adult Formation

OUR INSURANCE PLAN

By Sister Laretta Leipzig, Pastoral Associate/Director of Adult Education

Fire insurance, burglary insurance, the children's college tuition insurance, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, HMO for our health—these are just a few of the securities in our lives. Every one of us, without question, seeks security. We want to be free from danger or risk of loss, fear or doubt. We all look for security in every area of our lives, but how can true security really be found?

In most cases these insurances help, but there is no assurance against accident, sickness or death. We try to safeguard ourselves against all problems, but the truth of the matter is that we really have little control over most things in our lives. God is in control.

The well-known spiritual writer, Richard Rohr, challenges the favorite saying that "God helps those who help themselves." Although the phrase can be understood correctly, in most practical situations, he says, it is pure heresy. He believes that Scripture clearly tells us that God helps those who trust in God. Security can be found only in God. With all the securities and insurance plans we seek on earth, we still remain totally in God's hands. As a matter of fact, God makes no promises about this world. So we must remember to remain in constant prayer and trust in God.

It is probably necessary to tell ourselves this so strongly because of our entire "do it yourself" orientation. Rohr writes that we must learn to "apply the brakes, turn off our own power and allow 'Another' to act. We must go to the Lord and put thing into his hands. Developing a trust in God calls us to stop and pray and be quiet in God. We must step into God's silence."

God works through trust. When any action is done out of a spirit of prayer, we must trust that the Lord will be in that action. That is our insurance plan God gives us!

PLEASE NOTE: Watch for the article "Pathways of Prayer" in next week's *Clarion*.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/John 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:9/Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11/Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1/Luke 17:20-25
Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9/Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Luke 18:1-8
Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3/Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/Mark 13:24-32

2010 CALENDARS

We are collecting 2010 calendars for nursing home patients as part of their Christmas baskets/gifts. A small bin will be in the Gathering Space for collection. For more information, call **Project Hope** at **847.381.5721**.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server training will begin in November for interested 6th grade students. Please email **Peggy** at peggyhirsch@aol.com by **Monday, November 30th**, to get enrolled in this next training session.

Youth Formation

A SATURDAY AFTERNOON RETREAT
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

FAMILY RETREAT

Saturday, November 21st

2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by pizza dinner

* family activity * discussion * games * crafts * a film * fun *

How to Register?

Email or call Doris Kelsch at 847.620.3068 or dkelsch@stannebarrington.org
(Let us know the number of people and the age and grade for the children.)

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, November 18th**

Spend an afternoon
with Jesus
before
the holiday "crazies"

Registration Fee?

FREE

(But we will ask for a free will offering to cover the cost of materials, pizza, drinks, and babysitting in the nursery.)

Frequently Asked Questions:

* Will the retreat be appropriate for children?

Answer: *The family games and craft activities will be for parents and all ages of interested children. The nursery will be open for little ones until dinner.*

* Will we be with our own family or families mixed?

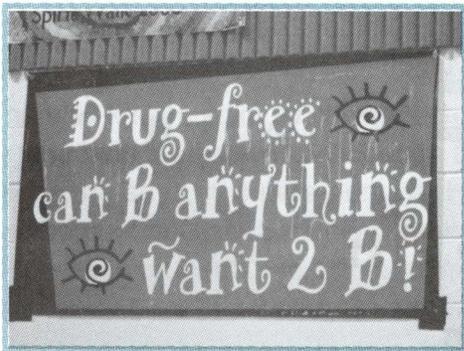
Answer: *The goal is each family having special time together. Some games, however, will involve everyone.*

Youth Formation

RED RIBBON WEEK AT ST. ANNE SCHOOL

October 26 – October 30, 2009

Red Ribbon week is a special time for schools. It is a time where faculty and staff show support for a healthy lifestyle to their students. This year at St. Anne School the students really participated in the events scheduled for the week.

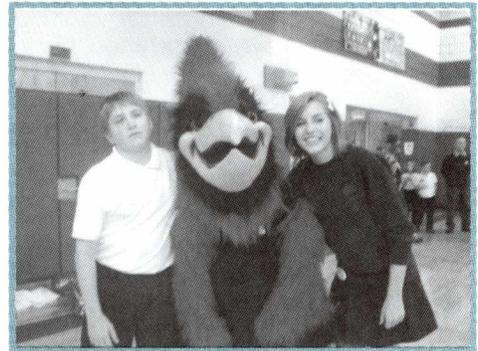


All week they wore buttons to show their support for living a healthy lifestyle and staying away from drugs. Some of the days included wearing goofy socks, school athletic jerseys and a day where everyone got to wear red and white.



The week was kicked off with a school-wide assembly where the students shared skits they wrote showing what the effects of living an unhealthy lifestyle might include and ways to make wise choices when faced with peer pressure.

There were also activities that both the students and faculty participated in. Students were chosen from each grade to participate and there was even a faculty vs. students bean bag toss. The faculty beat the students by a slim margin.



It really seems as though the children understood the point of the week and that they have a better understanding of how to make better choices in life for a healthy lifestyle.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ST. ANNE SCHOOL

- Collect *Box Tops for Education* on General Mills products
- Collect *Labels for Education* on Campbell soup products
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The Weekly Article from Ronald Rolheiser

ON LITMUS TESTS FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

By Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.

We live today with a lot of polarization, both inside of our churches and in society at large. There is something healthy in this, despite its bitter underside. Moral outrage and anger is in the end an indication of moral fervor. We still believe in things, in right and wrong. There's virtue in that.

But that being said, there is also something very unhealthy in our present situation, one within which sincere people can no longer have a civil and respectful conversation with each other over certain moral and religious issues because each side ultimately disrespects the other, convinced that the other has sold out on some issue that constitutes a litmus test for moral goodness. Inside the church and inside of our civic political processes, invariably, each side, liberal and conservative alike, has one issue that is its ultimate non-negotiable and which constitutes the litmus test by which to judge the moral and religious goodness of everyone else.

For some, the single issue is a moral one (abortion, gay marriage, justice for a particular group), for others, the single issue is an ecclesial practice (church attendance, membership in a particular denomination), and for others, the single issue is dogmatic (women's ordination, the uncritical acceptance of scripture or of church authority, syncretism). But invariably one issue is singled out so as to become the basis for an ultimate discriminating judgment, a litmus test, as to whether someone else is worthy of religious and moral respect.

But is this legitimate? Can a single issue become a litmus test? What does Jesus say on this? What do the scriptures say on this? Can one single moral or religious issue be seen as constituting the very essence, the center, the non-negotiable heart of Christian discipleship?

In a sense, yes, though this must be carefully nuanced. As well, each New Testament writer formats this in a different way: In the Gospel of Matthew, the moral heart of discipleship is articulated by Jesus in what we call The Sermon on the Mount. At its center lies this challenge: Can you love an enemy? Can you truly forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you bless someone who has cursed you? Can you be good to those who have done you harm? Can you forgive a murderer?

This challenge is what sets Jesus' moral teaching apart from others and gives it its unique character - and its real teeth. This is meant to be the distinguishing mark of a follower of Jesus: He or she can love and forgive an enemy. If the Gospel of Matthew, or perhaps the New

Testament as a whole, gives us a litmus test for discipleship, this might be its one-line formulation: Can you love and forgive an enemy?

Luke's Gospel makes essentially the same point in a different language. There Jesus challenges us to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate and then goes on to define that compassion as a love, like that of the Father of the Prodigal Son and Older Brother, that lets its light shine on the bad as well as the good, that reaches out and loves irrespective of what is deserving and what isn't. The litmus test here might be worded: Love each other beyond differences and beyond what you think is deserving of love. Do not love just your own kind or someone who reciprocates. Embrace in love as widely as God embraces in love.

The Epistles of Paul capture this in the distinction Paul makes between what he calls life in the flesh as opposed to what he calls life in the Spirit. The former, life in the flesh, is characterized by "lewd conduct, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, bickering, jealousy, outbursts of rage, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factionalism, envy, drunkenness, and orgies." When these exist in our lives, Paul cautions, we may not delude ourselves into thinking we are living inside of God's spirit.

Conversely, life in the Spirit, for Paul, is characterized by "charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, endurance, mildness, kindness, generosity, faith, and chastity." It is only when we these qualities are manifest in our lives that we may understand ourselves as walking in true discipleship.

For Paul, the litmus test is not one, single moral issue but rather a whole way of living that radiates more charity than selfishness, more joy than bitterness, more peace than factionalism, more patience and respect than negative judgment and gossip, more empathy than anger, and more willingness to sweat the blood of sacrifice than to give into the temptations of the moment.

This is not to suggest that particular moral, dogmatic, and ecclesial issues are not important; some of them are a matter of life and death. But Christian discipleship is not just about our actions, it's also about our hearts. The essence of Christian discipleship lies in putting on the heart of Christ. Proper morality, defense of truth, and life-giving church practices follow from that - and, when rooted in that, they become respectful, forgiving, and loving.

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Sharing the Living Story

32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 2009 (155B)

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

- ¹⁰ In those days, Elijah, the prophet, went to Zarephath.
As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there;
he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink."
¹¹ She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread."
¹² She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives," "I have nothing baked;
there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug.
Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks,
to go in and prepare something for myself and my son;
when we have eaten it, we shall die."
¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose.
But first make me a little cake and bring it to me.
Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son."
¹⁴ For the LORD, 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.'"
¹⁵ She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well;
¹⁶ the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10. Praise the LORD, my soul!

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

- ²⁴ Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one,
but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf.
²⁵ Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year
into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own;
²⁶ if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world.
But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice.
²⁷ Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment,
²⁸ so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time,
not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

- ³⁵ In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds,
³⁸ "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes
and accept greetings in the marketplaces,
³⁹ seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.
⁴⁰ They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers.
They will receive a very severe condemnation."
⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.
⁴² A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.
⁴³ Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them,
"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more
than all the other contributors to the treasury.
⁴⁴ For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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The psalm response proclaims: *Praise the LORD my soul!* But there does not seem to be much in this gospel pericope that would lead us to tell our souls to praise the Lord. Mark has Jesus still in the temple area but this time he is not confronting the religious authorities directly; he speaks to the crowd, warning them against the abuse of power by pointing to the condemnable practice of the scribes who go about seeking affirmation of their honor (vv.38, 39) which would enhance their potential to act corruptly (v.40a). Recall the dependent and inferior status of women, particularly widows. If there were no male in-laws to protect her (recall the underlying "custom" at 12:19 that gave an excuse to the Sadducees to pose that dilemma to Jesus), the property would be given to scribes to administer since it would be unseemly for a woman to engage in something for which she was "unsuited." This legal arrangement gave the scribe much power over the property including the right to a percentage of the property; if that alone were claimed, it would probably be exploitive since the culture has "appointed" a business manager **over** her. She obviously has no son otherwise there would be no problem since the property would have devolved to him. The plight of a woman of means is the high end of the system that Mark wants to display as being exploitive. (Recall, however, that the vast majority of women (perhaps 99%) would not be in this category.)

Mark continues his warning to his community about exploitation in the next story of someone on the other extreme of the economic scale: the "poor widow" (Remember "the poor widow's mite?") We tend to think of this as a nice story in which Jesus lauds as commendable the practice on the part of

the widow. Appreciation of the cultural backdrop leads us in a different direction. Recall that tithing was a legal obligation. This was not a *voluntary* contribution. She gave from money that was *her whole livelihood* in order to meet her obligation. The system was exploitive!

So neither the scribes nor "the Temple authorities" was following the command to care for those without means. The widow in both these stories here is simply the metaphor for the marginalized, the disenfranchised, the ones without power. We don't learn whether these two widows are cared for by Jesus or by God. The lesson must therefore be about the excoriation of the scribes and the Temple authorities by Jesus for their behavior toward these two widows despite the fact that according to the law a widow is to be given preferential treatment because they have no power at all in the system.

In contrast, the widow in the story from the first reading is well cared for by the prophet Elijah. Despite her very dire position about which she declares that she and her son will die from lack of any provision, Elijah assures her that the LORD would rescue them. And the LORD indeed provisions them.

This is a classic example of how paying attention to the social and cultural background of those years has the potential of revealing how we have perhaps domesticated the gospel by using only modern lenses to interpret the gospels and in so doing, robbed it of its power. Seen against the underlying cultural mosaic casts a different light on how we interpret what was meant by the author to his community and hence what we can legitimately interpret for ourselves today.

SO WHAT??

These 3 or 4 Sundays are the last of this Liturgical Year. November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent, the start of Liturgical Year C, in which we take up the gospel according to St. Luke.

Where is the Church taking us as we wind down this year; are there choices to be made in our lives, both in the Church and out, that can be informed by a meditative reading of the gospels?

Works consulted: *The Cultural World of Jesus, Cycle B* by John J. Pilch; *Say to This Mountain, Mark's Story of Discipleship*, by Ched Myers, et. al.



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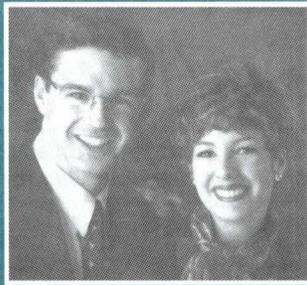
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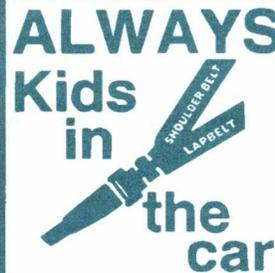


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Mass of Anticipation: 5:15 p.m.

Reconciliation: 9:15 a.m. until all are heard

Sunday: 7:15, 9:00*, 11:00* a.m., 5:15 p.m.

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