



# Clarion

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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# St Anne

Catholic Community

## OUR MISSION

Led by the Spirit, the Catholic community of St. Anne strives to live the example of Jesus, who said, "I came so that you might have life and live it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

## CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

Zoe Josephine Godula Parrack (Genie and James)  
Matthew Joseph Nasca (Kate and Marco)

## PARISH EVENTS

Monday, December 27th

Tuesday, December 28th

7:00 *Rosary (Chapel)*

Wednesday, December 29th

Thursday, December 30th

Friday, December 31st

Saturday, January 1st

Sunday, January 2nd

9:30 *New Parishioner Registration (Hosp. Room)*

7:30 *Men's Basketball Open Gym (School Gym)*

## OUR REGISTRATION PROCESS

On the first Sunday of each month, newcomers are invited to a welcoming and registration session in the Hospitality Room at 9:30 a.m., followed by an information time, registration, a brief tour of the facilities, and concluding with the celebration of liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Please call the **Rectory Office** at **847.382.5300** to let us know you are coming. "Drop ins" are also welcome.

**\* The next registration date will be Sunday, January 2nd \***



## RESTING IN PEACE

James J. Hajost,  
husband of Rita and  
father of Janice Kitz and Mark Hajost

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 27th

8:15 St. Anne Purgatorial Society  
Sr. Lorraine Menheer—*The Conrad Family*

### Tuesday, December 28th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society  
Fon Boggess—*Barbara Klass*

### Wednesday, December 29th

8:15 Deceased Members of the Wolfe Family—  
*Jim and Eileen Perille*  
Jackie Balla—*Doug and Juli Walker*

### Thursday, December 30th

8:15 Jan Bouz—*Anezka Bouz*

### Friday, December 31st

8:15 Christine Bischof—*The Family*  
Betty Cash—*John Cash*

5:15 People of St. Anne

### Saturday, January 1st

9:00 Art and John Cramer—*The Family*

### Sunday, January 2nd

7:15 People of St. Anne  
Joan Henehan—*Mary Ellen and Bob Henehan*

9:00 Margaret Hanson—*Kathryn Grimm*  
Jennifer McDevitt—*The Rick Weaver Family*  
Norma Logue—*Jim and Gail Howard*  
Special Intention, Joe Golota, father of Debbie Miller  
John Lucas—*The Tarulis Family*

11:00 Lucille Barone and Aurelia Flores—  
*Sylvia and Sam Barone*  
Frank Perasovich—*Kay Lombardo*  
Mrs. Wozcyna—*The Doyle Family*  
David Zyzda—*The Howard Family*  
Grant and Elinor Sibley—*The Sibley Family*

5:15 Bill O'Connor—*Bill and Maureen Terry*

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Another new year has been entrusted to us. We enter this new year with the truth that we are dearly and unconditionally loved by God. This fact must be lived by each and every one of us. Let us pray for the strength to really live God's message of love as we deal with the woes and joys we face each day.

As we gather together to pray the Rosary, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, January 1st, 2011**, may we implore our Blessed Mother's intercession to seek this gift from our loving Father.

# FROM THE FRIENDLY CONFINES

Dear People of Saint Anne,

Welcome one and all to the Christmas feast here at Saint Anne. Take your rightful place at this banquet of God's love – to be nourished with the bread of life and the wine of gladness as we celebrate the ever new birth and coming of Jesus Christ among us.

By our very presence here today, we offer God the humble Christmas present of ourselves. For the Christmas feast touches the deepest part of our lives and calls us to live with new found hope, joy and possibility in the revelation that God is with us in every time and season.

**If you are a visitor to Saint Anne**, know that you are welcome and that we are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. Please come again.

**If you are a parishioner and have been away from us for awhile** – we are glad that you are among us on this Christmas feast. I hope and pray that your faith may be strengthened, deepened and encouraged through your sharing in this Christmas Eucharist.

Christmas is a time to come home. Saint Anne is your spiritual home. If you have been questioning your faith in the Catholic Church, are working through a difficult passage in your relationship with God or are struggling with some of the challenges and scandals that we know as God's (imperfect) people, I invite you to pick up a copy of the book: **Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly**. Thanks to the generosity of two of our parishioners – this acclaimed book is our Christmas gift to you.

In mid February, we will be hosting a four week **Making My Way Home** series of conversations for those who are seeking to find their way back to fuller participation and engagement in the Catholic Church.

Over the years, I have come to realize that people leave the Church for many reasons, hurts, upset or misunderstandings. Yet, after time away, they seek to make their way back and don't quite know how to make that happen. **Making My Way Home** is our attempt to welcome parishioners who have been on a sabbatical – to take their rightful place among us.

If you are interested in finding out more information about **Making My Way Home**, please email me at [bpietrzak@stannebarrington.org](mailto:bpietrzak@stannebarrington.org).

The sights, sounds, music and images of Christmas surround us this day. These sights and sounds are small sacraments of God's continuing presence among us.

On behalf of our parish staff and our parish council, I pray that you and your family will know the deep warmth of Christ's love within your hearts this Christmas. May the many signs of God's enduring presence among us fill your lives with light, hope and endless joy during this Christmas season.

A blessed Christmas feast to all,

*Father Bernie Pietrzak*

# Office of the Pastor

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Weekly offering for December 19th, 2010

People attending Weekend Liturgies: 2,460	
Sunday Offering Envelopes used: 525	\$32,378.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card Offerings: 222	\$12,771.00
<b>Total of this week's Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$45,149.00</b>
Weekly Budget for Sunday Collections	\$41,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+\$4,149.00</b>

### Year-to-date Collections

Sharing Parish Commitment	\$ 30,162.00
Archdiocesan Required Collections	\$ 25,614.00

### Year to Date Collection vs. Budget

Year to Date Sunday/Fall Catch-up Collection	\$1,042,634.00
Year to Date Budget for Sunday Collections	\$1,025,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+\$17,634.00</b>

### Building Loan due to Archdiocese

\$894,034.00

## INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

### Thank You

In the past month, we have increased our Credit Card and Direct Debit donations considerably. By your thoughtful consideration of this form of giving, you have added to the financial stability of the parish. As you have seen in our weekly stewardship reports, this form of giving continues to make a substantial difference in our ability to reach our weekly budgeted figure for Sunday donations.

We have received questions as to why, if you are giving in this manner, you continue to receive the envelope packet for Saint Anne. These packets contain envelopes for all the special Archdiocesan collections, as well as other opportunities to help those in need throughout the year. In addition, many parishioners like to write "paid electronically" on their envelope so that they can continue to put it in the basket.

The credit card/direct debit form is in the bulletin again this week. If you have not signed up already, please consider this form of giving. Again, thank you for your continued generosity.

*Father Bernie Pietrzak and Margaret Buckstaff*



### SAVE THE DATE

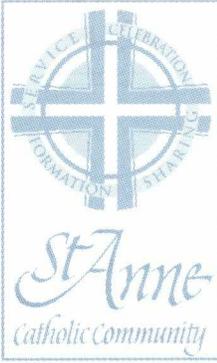
Saint Anne Dinner Dance and Auction  
**Inspiration Ball**

**Saturday, May 7th, 2011**  
Renaissance Schaumburg

All proceeds will benefit the parish ministries,  
including the Parish School and GIFT program.

Please join us for this most important fundraiser  
and community building event!





## Electronic Donation Authorization Form St. Anne Catholic Community

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ New Authorization

\_\_\_ Change/Update

Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION OPTIONS:** Your generous contributions help us to fulfill our mission. Thank you!

### Sunday Contributions

Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> (please circle)  
Semi-Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, April, July, October  
Annually \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer the 1<sup>st</sup> of December

### Special Contributions

Debt Reduction \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Quarterly Annually (please circle)  
Parish Sharing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Quarterly Annually (please circle)

### Holiday Contributions

Easter \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DEDUCT IT FROM MY:

#### Checking Account

Bank Routing # \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Credit/Debit Card

VISA # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Discover # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

American Express # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize St. Anne Catholic Community to process credit/debit entries to my account. I have attached a voided check if needed. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization. Envelopes will continue to be sent to your home for Holy Days and Special Collections.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form to parish office. For more information, call 847.620.3054.**

# Faith Formation and Education



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

December 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of his papacy, Pope Benedict XVI said, "There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know him and to speak to others of our friendship with him. If we allow Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation."

The experience of beauty transcends time and space, and points us to the very experience of God. Adoring the Christ Child, we are drawn by the beauty of what we see in front of us to the God we cannot see, but whom we experience if we allow ourselves to follow the path along which beauty will lead us. Jesus is the standard for all that is beautiful. St. Augustine wrote of "beauty ever ancient ever new," who makes the human spirit restless until it rests in God forever. Our experiences of created beauty fill us with joy and excitement. Yet, they never fill our capacity for the experience of what is beautiful. We are left empty again, and our search continues. We are disturbed by wanting something more, something which we do not seem able to reach, and that nothing less than God can satisfy.

Christianity begins with a relationship barely understood but beautifully attractive and ends with that relationship fulfilled. The beauty of Jesus Christ — this dynamic, inviting, perfect, transcendent Christ — disturbs us, for we cannot fit him into our present way of life or our usual categories of understanding. He changes us, converts us, empties us, sends us to places and situations unknown. He leaves us always wanting more, because he is always more. He invites us to silence, as he would have us listen. The contemplation of Christ in our lives forms us for speaking about him to others, for we will be unable to resist sharing the beauty we have found in Christ.

May the beauty of Christ fill your heart with love and your life with joy. You will be remembered in my Christmas Masses and prayers. God bless you and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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# Justice and Human Concerns

## A Christmas Star



## Over Nkokwe

*The Faithjustice Committee received the following letter earlier this month from our friend, Maheshe Edouard Ntamabyaliro, principal of the Nkokwe Primary School in the Congo, where St. Anne has been building new classrooms.*

Dear beloved people of St Anne,

Greetings from the people of God in Congo! It is with great joy that I write to you on behalf of the community of Nkokwe, its students and our teaching staff. We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and want to thank you for your goodness and generosity. I also want to give you an update on what is going on in our tiny village over which a star shines brightly.

First, we are very grateful to God for the relative peace that we have enjoyed for two years now. There still is a sense of uncertainty because in our midst, we still have reminders of the losses from years of war. I name, for example, the widows, the orphans, the empty lots belonging to those who have not returned from their refuge, and those from whom we have not heard, whose whereabouts are sadly unknown to us.

At the same time, we have signs of hope for a better future and among them is our new school, a gift from **your** sacrifice and your generosity. Even in our darkest days, as we fled to the camps, the people of St. Anne gave us hope! You did not abandon us as others did. You provided the means for our teachers to continue working with the children even as we were displaced. In a special way, you returned with us when the fighting ceased. We could not have asked for anything better to lift the community from the challenges of the war than the promise to rebuild our school.

The Nkokwe School was started by Catholic Missionaries in 1920. The children studied under trees then. Modest structures followed, made of wood and mud with roofs of hay. Slowly the missionaries built stone walls and in 1968, replaced the hay with tin roofs. The school population has come and gone in all these years. Even as late as 1970, parents did not understand the importance of education. State workers had to go from village to village to recruit students. Today it is a different story. Thanks to the generous gifts of the people of St. Anne these last four years, the old

structures have been replaced with new and better ones. Parents are freely enrolling their children. We are very happy and forever grateful.

The impact of your work is obvious. The rebuilding of the primary school energized Nkokwe and the surrounding villages from the beginning of the project. You put people to work and did not bring in strangers. This spark of hope has caught fire, and people are feeling that peace has finally come to stay. At the beginning of this year, the enrollment increased to the point that I had to hire an extra teacher for the first year students.

We quickly realized that other schools were losing students to Nkokwe because parents liked our new buildings. Because we did not have enough space to enroll all of them and because we did not want the surrounding schools to close, the parish school system leadership set up rules to limit the number of students per classroom—no more than 55. This is truly a blessing for both the students and the teachers. The applicants I turned away enrolled elsewhere and were welcomed in schools that might otherwise have closed. As a result of this rule and the additional classroom, I have about the same number of students as last year. Just to give you a picture: I now have 12 classrooms with a total of 521 students of which 250 are girls or orphans. Last year, we sent seven girls to high school and this year, we have seven more candidates for high school. This is far more girls than we have ever had move on. We are very pleased to see girls staying in school.

This is just a few of many positive things that your work has brought to us. On behalf of all the people of Nkokwe and its surrounding communities, the children, teachers and myself, I sincerely thank you for all you are doing for us. May God bless you abundantly for all you are investing in our community and school. We shall not disappoint your belief in us!

*Maheshe*

# Faith Formation and Education



BY TOM WEST, PARISHIONER  
AND BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

I remember something that happened to me my freshman year of high school. No, not the awkward puberty part, we can skip that, but the first time I learned about "The Waffle."

I'm sure most of you realize that was far too dramatic of an entrance for a breakfast food, so I'll explain further. "The Waffle" necklaces and the weekend they follow go by many

names: "Waffle Gang Weekend," "The Hive," and my personal favorite, "The Kai-High Hug Fest."

"The Waffle," of course, isn't really an icon of the beloved breakfast favorite (sorry to disappoint) but rather a cross, or a series of five crosses interlinked to create the beehive/waffle shape that dawned the nickname. So when a handful of upperclassmen returned from a seemingly normal weekend in November with new bling, I thought the Breakfast Club had made a seriously misled fashion statement. But I could also tell there was something more to it than that.

It wasn't long before my simple underclassman brain started to make connections. I would see one waffle, and then another waffle, and then one more waffle would see those two waffles, and then before I could say "Aunt Jemima," my tiny freshman body was crushed in the crossfire of a hug mosh pit comparable to that of a hastily cooked continental breakfast.

But one thing more than anything stuck out against the background of Barrington High School: the waffle kids were happy—really happy. I thought to myself, as one easily learns as a freshman, "This is high school. No one is supposed to be happy." So my suspicions rose. I asked around, peered around corners, and finally, one day asked an upperclassman what exactly was going on. And he said, with a creepy smile, "It's Kairos. You'll see."

At that point, I assumed Kairos was an absolute cult. That was the only logical option I could find. All I knew was that the Kairos retreat was a weekend long, was through St. Anne Church, and everyone participating disappeared from school the Friday before the trip. Perhaps I called cult too early, and of course, later I would find that I was completely wrong, but it was easy to believe considering many at the school shared my sentiments.

I'm not going to share the whole scoop on Kairos in this article. One thing I can tell you is how a lot of people, myself included, felt being on the outside. People changed when they came back from Kairos, or at least that's what a lot of kids thought. And I know people felt gypped when their friends came back and blew them off to hang out with their new church pals; that's enough to get anybody on the anti-Kairos wagon.

But the strangest part is the weird happiness. This sensation, commonly referred to as the "Kai-high," is defined as severe exposure to positive emotion, junk food, and lack of

sleep. This is the main reason why Kairos provokes interest. I've heard several theories over the years concerning the source of the "Kai-high;" some were funny, most of them ranged from the slightly to moderately disturbing, but were entertaining nonetheless. Many people experience the "Kai-high," but not every kid comes back different. Not every kid gets hyped up on emotion and wants to hug everything that walks.

If you would've told me my freshman year that I was going to go on Kairos, I would've told you I'd rather sleep in a gutter for two days. I'd have told you I liked my personality and wasn't interested in having it remodeled. So, when my mom signed me up my junior year, let's say I didn't exactly take to the idea. Going into it, I had no idea how I should feel. Part of me hated the idea of it, and part of me wanted to have the exact same feeling I had seen so many others experience.

I'm not allowed to tell you a lot about Kairos, but there are a few things I *can* tell you.

- The Barrington retreat happens twice every year at Techny Towers Retreat Center. It's a national retreat and happens in thousands of high schools, including most of the schools in our area.
- No electronics are allowed on the trip.
- "Kairos" is a Greek word meaning "the quantitative, rather than qualitative value of time." It is the opposite of "Kronos," the strict or numerical interpretation of time. "Kairos" is interpreted through the Christian Bible as meaning "God's time" and the retreat has adapted this as its definition.
- Kairos isn't just for Catholics or even Christians. It's interdenominational, from Protestants to atheists.
- It's definitely not a bible study. You learn a new perspective about the relationships in your life through your peers, their stories; God is one of those relationships.
- "There are no secrets, only surprises." Kairos chooses to keep most of what happens on the trip secret, not because it feels the events need to be hidden, but if you do choose to go on the retreat knowing what would happen, it is much less special. The retreat happens away from Barrington because they want to take you out of your everyday life—separate you from your schedules and routines.
- Don't go on the trip expecting a life-changing experience. Likewise, don't go on the trip expecting not to be moved. Come not knowing what will happen and it will do the most for you. And remember, you'll always get out what you put in. Participate and make your Kairos experience what *you* want it to be.

I can't tell you a lot about Kairos, and I laugh at myself knowing I'm in the exact same position as the person who originally made me think this whole thing was insane. But if you do go, coerced by your parents or not, you should do it for you. And if you let it, everything you do on the retreat could be the greatest moments of your life. As for what those moments mean...well, you'll see.

# Faith Formation and Education

## **IT IS THE NATIVITY OF THE SAVIOR!**

BY SISTER LAURETTA LEIPZIG, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

It is not unusual at this time to reflect upon the “spiritual” meaning of Christmas. But the author of a recent article on Christmas reflected upon the ‘*material*’ meaning of Christmas. He writes:

*“Today we see how this great feast, more than any other, shows the nobility of God’s material world. In the incarnation, the eternal Word entered the world of time, space and dimension. In the incarnation, the bones, organs, muscles and brains of humanity proved worthy of being fused with the divinity. In this fusion, nothing human was diminished or radically changed. However, what humanity was always meant to be has become apparent. Today’s feast is the celebration of the completely human birth of the Messiah. Jesus, God-with-us, was human in all respects, possessing a human body, emotions, mind, and soul. He was quite capable of experiencing the totality of the joys and frustrations of being human. He was like us in all things but sin. By spending Christmas in harmony of spirit and loving fellowship, we are uplifted. Today, we set aside discord and disappointment. This is Christmas blessing and an understanding of the incarnate Christ.*

*Many gifts will be exchanged in the days ahead because they are the wrong color, size or object. But we can offer one another forgiveness, understanding, laughter and joy—things never to be exchanged. The memories and effects of these gifts always endure. Some poor families cannot afford to give or exchange gifts. But those of love are beyond price and freely given by the poorest of the poor. The gifts of faith, hope and love sustain us all. Material things may wear and become outdated—it is never the case with love.*

*Our past Christmases cannot return, but we can decide how we want to spend the one of this year. This Christmas can be the best yet if we are prayerful and ask one another for the healing, forgiveness and renewal we all need. Family hurts should have no place amid the joy of celebrating the birth of the Lord!*

*It is the Nativity of the Savior! **Merry Christmas!**”*

### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Monday:	1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 John 1:5-2:2/Matthew 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 John 2:12-17/Luke 2:36-40
Friday:	1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18
Saturday:	Numbers 6:22-27/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21
Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

# Parish Council of Ministries

## PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PCM...

**Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!**

*Philippians 4:4*

The members of the Parish Council of Ministries Study Group wish the community of St. Anne and all of its visitors many blessings for peace and joy during this glorious Christmas season!

*Father Bernie Pietrzak, Angela Nordgren, Gene Boyle, Jim Condill,  
Georgene Farman, Tom Feeley, Teri Janus, Christine Jodoin,  
Paul Kalmes, Larry Kantroski, Michael LeMonier, Ann McSorley,  
Jerry Rodosky, Linda Ryan, Paul Schnepf, Doug Walker and Ken Wink*



## GIFT Growing in Faith Together

### **ST. ANNE DATE NIGHT** **Being Married and Staying Engaged**

The Saint Anne Marriage Enrichment Committee is committed to sponsoring several date nights in the coming parish year to energize your married life. These evenings will be held in one of the gathering rooms at Francesca's Restaurant in Barrington.

Our format will include a 40 minute presentation on such marriage-enriching themes as communication, conflict resolution, partner encouragement, empty-nester marriages, a creative love life and balancing one's roles as partners and parents ...

Hopefully the presentation offered by our speakers each night will spark what may be a memorable and marriage-enriching evening.

Whether newly wed or newly retired, parents of toddlers or parents of teens – all types of marriages benefit from investing in these great date nights.

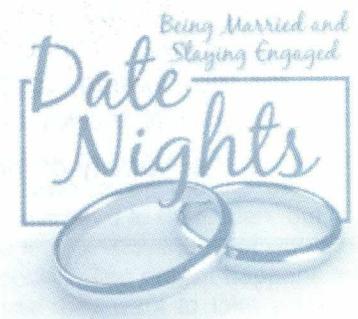
The evening begins at 6:45 p.m., with some social and refreshment time, followed by a presentation and reflection questions to guide the content and conversation of your date. Participants are then sent forth to spend time together in dialogue and conversation together.

It is your choice—whether you have dinner together, take a walk and converse or simply make your way home for further conversation.

Couples need not be present for each Date Night.

Save the dates! **Friday, January 7th, March 11th and May 6th.**

To secure a reservation for the January 7th date night, please contact **Monica Gurreri** at [mgurreri@aol.com](mailto:mgurreri@aol.com).



# GIFT Growing in Faith Together

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN MAC - MEN OF ACTION AND CONTEMPLATION

God gives many spiritual gifts; they are in abundance in our own people, the community of St. Anne. **We would like to give a spiritual gift to our men** - an opportunity for them to develop inner strength and support from each other. This gift is a program called MAC, Men of Action and Contemplation. MAC gathers men together in groups of five or six so that they can reflect on their own experiences and share those experiences with others. The MAC program utilizes a book of daily reflections and prayers based upon our current liturgical year which is using the Gospel of Matthew throughout our Sunday celebrations. This pocket-size book can be easily carried to work in a briefcase or in a pocket when running an errand or taking a walk, making the opportunity for daily reflection convenient.

The MAC program is designed for men to gather and share their faith reflections. It is an opportunity for our men to give themselves a gift, as well as be a gift to other men in their journey. The small groups will meet together on a regular basis. The group members can meet on a weekly, a bi-weekly, or a monthly basis. Each individual group will decide their meeting schedule and choose a location together. Meetings will often be held in people's homes, providing a relaxed and informal environment.

On **Saturday, January 22nd**, there will be an organizational meeting of all of the men in our parish who would like to join a group. The day will start with Mass at 8:15 a.m., followed by a small continental breakfast. When breakfast is concluded, Father Fred will provide further information and organize the MAC groups. The morning is expected to conclude at about 11:00 a.m.

MAC is an opportunity to deepen our own spiritual journey through sharing with other men what our faith brings to our lives. This is not a study program, but one in which small communities of men can gather to share how God is working in their lives; it is a time of new awareness of the relationships with God as well as a time to know that other men may have similar insights in this community journey.

***Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.***

Those very words, spoken by Jesus, clearly indicate the promise of God's presence when we make the decision to grow together, to pray together.

### MAC - Men of Action and Contemplation INFORMATION MEETING

**Saturday, January 22nd, 2011**

8:15 a.m. Mass followed by meeting  
(Continental breakfast will be served)

To register, please call or e-mail **Carla Czyzewski**,  
GIFT Implementation Coordinator,  
at **847.620.3069**  
or **cczyzewski@stannebarrington.org**.



# GIFT Growing in Faith Together

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ENROLLING IN THE FALL OF 2010**

Starting in January, 2011, we will need adult volunteers who would be willing to walk through the Social Justice experience process with a handful of our candidates. The job of a SJA is to help candidates discern their gifts and find a way to use them in reaching out to those who are less fortunate.

Listed below are the expectations for those who volunteer for this great ministry:

1. Work individually with about 6-8 candidates and their families to assure understanding of the project criteria as outlined by the Youth Ministry Office.
2. Approve student projects based on the criteria established by the Youth Ministry Office.
3. Guide students who are having difficulty deciding on a project by suggesting locations and organizations where they might perform that project. Note: Social Justice Advisors should simply advise the candidates and point them in the right direction, not do the work for them. Site locations and ideas for service will be provided by the Youth Ministry Social Justice Coordinator.
4. Periodically check in with students to make sure they are moving along with the process from January of 2011 until the project's completion in March of 2012.
5. Conduct a final interview with each candidate to assess their involvement and compliance with expectations for Confirmation, as is outlined by the Youth Ministry Office.

**We have about 15 spots to fill, so please think about volunteering. We will provide full training and resources to help you guide your candidates. The time commitment is minimal, but the impact can be life changing, for you and for our candidates! Training will be in early January, and you will need to attend the parent/candidate meeting on Thursday, January 27th, 2011.**

**Interested? Questions?**

**Contact Darci Mills, High School Social Justice Coordinator,  
at 847.829.1678 or email [darcimills@yahoo.com](mailto:darcimills@yahoo.com).**



## **JANUARY BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION**

**Tuesday, January 18th  
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese**

**Parish Library, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Following is a short review of the book: *"Verghese turns his formidable talents to fiction, mining his own life and experiences in a magnificent, sweeping novel that moves from India to Ethiopia to an inner-city hospital in New York City over decades and generations. Sister Mary Joseph Praise, a devout young nun, leaves the south Indian state of Kerala in 1947 for a missionary post in Yemen. During the arduous sea voyage, she saves the life of an English doctor bound for Ethiopia, Thomas Stone, who becomes a key player in her destiny when they meet up again at Missing Hospital in Addis Ababa. Seven years later, Mary dies birthing twin boys, Shiva and Marion. The latter narrates his own and his brother's long, dramatic, biblical story set against the backdrop of political turmoil in Ethiopia, the life of the hospital compound in which they grow up, and the love story of their adopted parents, both doctors at Missing."*

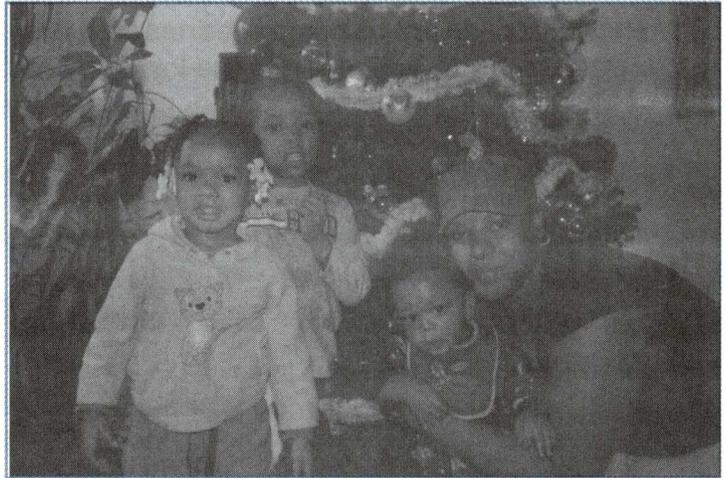
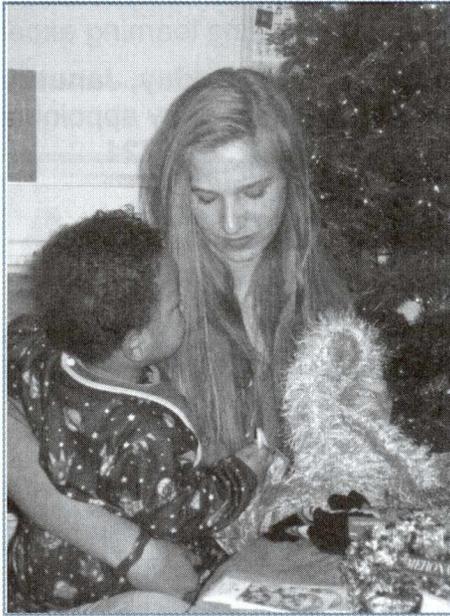
**We look forward to seeing anyone who wishes to join in discussing this book.**

# Justice and Human Concerns

## SHARING BOARD SHARES SOME CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

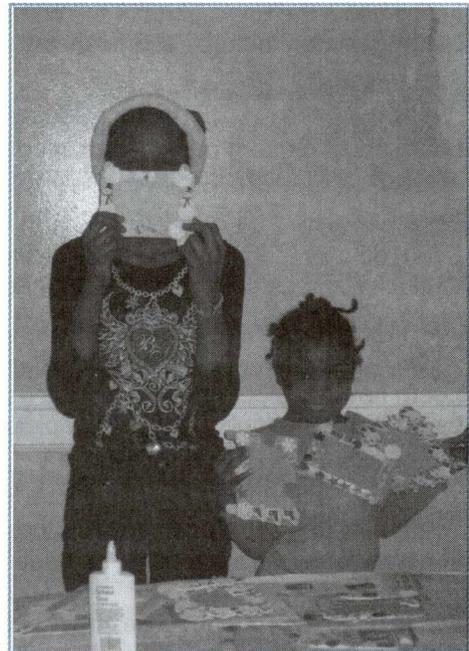


Several members of the Sharing Board and their families shared in some Christmas spirit earlier this month with the residents of St. Martin de Porres Women's Shelter.



The children were able to select Christmas gifts for their mothers in Santa's Workshop to present on Christmas morning. They also had fun creating a Christmas craft project. The morning ended with a pizza party with all of the residents. It was a wonderful morning for all, filled with the true meaning of Christmas!

Thanks to **Sandy Kramer** and **Claire Hamilton** for their efforts in organizing this event.



*St. Martin de Porres House of Hope is a transitional shelter for women recovering from addiction and their children, and is located in the Woodlawn neighborhood of Chicago. The Sharing Board is proud to support this successful ministry for women in need.*



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<u>Class</u>	<u>Day/Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Beginning Computers</b> Learn about the basic parts of the computer, what they do and how to care for them. Learn common features and functions that apply to all computer programs.	Mondays, 1/10 – 2/14	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
<b>Digital Photography</b> Learn about camera operation, composition, editing software, printing and various online photo resources.	Mondays, 1/10 – 2/14	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Using Email</b> Learn how to send, receive, forward and reply to email messages using Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express or Webmail. Learn how to attach files or pictures to new emails.	Wednesdays, 1/12 – 2/16	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
<b>Woodcarving</b> Learn how to select wood and apply designs, carving techniques and how to sharpen and care for carving tools all while completing a project.	Wednesdays, 1/12 – 2/16	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
<b>Wonder of Water Color Painting - Beginners</b> Learn how to blend and mix colors, use washes and glazes and how to view shapes in new ways while composing and painting a scene.	Thursdays, 1/13 – 2/17	9:30—11:30 a.m.
<b>Water Color Techniques - Intermediate and Advanced</b> Take your skills to the next level with advanced composition, thinking in shapes with negative space and painting with analogous color mixing.	Thursdays, 1/13 – 2/17	12:30—2:30 p.m.

***Course fees are \$30.00 each to cover materials and are payable at registration.***

# Justice and Human Concerns



## **WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER**

The St. Anne Women's Club would like to thank its members for their support and participation at its annual Christmas Party on **Tuesday, December 14th**. Your attendance and enthusiasm created an energetic and celebratory atmosphere. We hope you had a wonderful time, and we look forward to celebrating again with all of you next year. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

# A New Year Full of HOPE



Many caring hands have joined together over the past year to help local families in crisis through St. Anne's Project Hope. Through gestures large and small, these hands have eased burdens, nurtured change and restored hope for many new beginnings. Thank you for your continued support and may your new year be filled with happiness, health and hope!

## *Your Project Hope Ministry*

**The Project Hope office will reopen Tuesday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m.**

Donations are always accepted at House of Hope Resale.

To coordinate large item pick up service,  
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## The Nativity of the Lord, Midnight, 2010 (14ABC)

### Isaiah 9:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.
- <sup>2</sup> You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.
- <sup>3</sup> For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>4</sup> For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames.
- <sup>5</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
- <sup>6</sup> His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

**Ps. 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13. R<sub>x</sub> = Today is born our Savior, Christ the LORD. (Luke 2:11)**

### Titus 2:11-14

Beloved:

- <sup>11</sup> The grace of God has appeared, saving all <sup>12</sup> and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires  
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,  
<sup>13</sup> as we await the blessed hope,  
the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ,
- <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself  
a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

### Luke 2:1-14

- <sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.
- <sup>2</sup> This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- <sup>3</sup> So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.
- <sup>4</sup> And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea,  
to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,
- <sup>5</sup> to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
- <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn son.  
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no room for them in the inn.
- <sup>8</sup> Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.
- <sup>9</sup> The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were struck with great fear.
- <sup>10</sup> The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
- <sup>11</sup> For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.
- <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."
- <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:  
<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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It is difficult to escape the years of over-laying our own fond images of Christmas onto Luke's version of the birth of Jesus. This is a precious story to us, but it is also important to retain perspective. Consider, the writers of the Christian tradition produced 27 books, yet only Matthew and Luke make a point of the birth. Moreover, their purpose is not historical for the two are mutually at variance in several key ways!

Luke addresses his group of mainly Greek-Roman Christians in the 80s. Like the other gospel writers, Luke does not outline history in any scientific sense, but provides assurance that God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus and that this salvation extends beyond the Chosen to include the gentiles, the pagans; Luke writes theology, not history.

Recall that **honor and shame** are core values in Mediterra-

nean society and that everything, even physical survival, is dependent on sustaining that honor. **Honor** is the social position that one claims within the community, along with the accompanying public acknowledgement of that claim by that community. So honor makes possible appropriate, prescribed interaction among equals, as well as between superiors and inferiors (think, for example, of the rigidly defined status of lepers in the gospel stories). **Ascribed** honor derives from being born into a certain family: being born into an honorable family confers honorable status. The converse, being born into a family of shepherds, is a dishonorable social position (see below). **Acquired** honor comes from winning at the ever-present game of **challenge/riposte**. A challenge must always be answered; a gift requires reciprocation. The challenge of an insult requires an equal or better riposte

(response) with the risk of irreparable loss of status in the event of failure.

These are no small considerations; it is social life and death (recall the story of the Prodigal, Lk 15); in extreme ostracism, physical death would result. The honor status of the family rigidly determines with whom members can associate, which functions they can attend (not all are welcome at all tables), where they can live, with whom they can do business, who can be marriage partners. So family honor must be maintained at all costs or it will slip down the scale; loss of honor by one member diminishes the whole.

What does this have to do with Christmas?

Appreciation of the mindset of Luke's audience can sharpen our vision to see beyond our modern Western images and into the power of the passage that Luke intended for his readers.

Luke is the gospel writer who highlights that Jesus offers salvation to *all* peoples; the whole world is invited! In vv. 1-3, he plays a bit with history (there is no secular corroboration of a census of the whole world) in order to set Jesus' birth clearly within a framework larger than the concerns of Judeans (Jews); it is a message for us! How fitting that Luke mentions Augustus Caesar, the one responsible for the peace Rome imposed throughout the Roman world (Pax Romana); Luke's Prince of Peace brings peace to those *beyond* the House of Israel. At v.4, the birth in Bethlehem, Joseph's paternal "hometown," Luke further identifies Jesus as having **honor** as he is part of the lineage of David, the revered king of both southern and northern tribes (note that in Matthew (1:24, Adv IV), honor is given to Jesus because Joseph comes to claim Jesus as his own son; this gives Jesus status – rather than illegitimacy).

There is much at v.7 that needs a cultural lens. There probably was no inn! Bethlehem was a town of around 100 families – many interrelated. A commercial inn would be more likely found in Jerusalem, two hours away. Joseph goes to Bethlehem to register for land tax purposes. Presumably, in his ancestral hometown, there would be family with whom he would be obligated to stay for the sake of his own honor and that of the extended family. It is not likely that there were no family members there. Nevertheless, he would still be acknowledged as belonging to that village and, in fulfillment of honor, would be accommodated in somebody's abode. The Greek word normally translated as "inn" refers, in a peasant home, to the space in which guests were placed. The family occupied the raised (stepped) end of a large room and their animals, the lower end; in between was the manger, or feeding area, where any birthing, animal or human, occurred. That *there was no room for them* might indicate there was already a guest(s) present.

Is that it? Is this what we have been waiting for in joyful expectation since November 26th? Yes, and yes! This is the celebration of the One who came in very humble circumstance to "working class" parents, away from the love, admiration and support of their family, and heralded instead by the ritually unclean. But look! The image we awaited is enveloped in such grandeur that it is a light; the glorious light of the Lord surrounds all; the same light that dispels the darkness in Isaiah; the same light about which Paul reminds Titus as having already appeared to save all from lawlessness in order to *live temperately, justly and devoutly*; the same light about which we sing in v.13 of today's psalm; it is the light of justice, the light of right order. It is God's light, shining inside and outside of us as we sing our treasured carols.

We customarily think of shepherds (v.8.) in rustic, even romantic terms, but they were members of a low social class. They were included with drivers of asses and camels, tanners, and butchers, all despised occupations. They were considered without honor as they could not protect their wives and sisters because they were away from home at night with sheep; in addition, they grazed wherever there was grass, often with little regard for property ownership. And they stank; they were always up to their elbows in birthing and deaths among their flocks; touching blood and dead animals made them ritually unclean; tending flocks was 24/7—did they ever get to Temple? That they were the low end of class structure further underscores that Jesus was universal, for all; it was to these despised ones that the great proclamation by the angel is made: *good news of great joy that will be for all the people* (v.10-11). Since a claim to honor must be publicly validated, Luke carefully records the proclamation (made privately to the shepherds) and accordingly records their own acclamation at vv.17, 18 and 20 (see Christmas Mass at Dawn). Note that Luke includes the other end of the spectrum in citing a claim to honor for the child: it is an angel, by tradition, God's own messenger, who makes the proclamation...*behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today, in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Christ [Messiah] and Lord.* Can there be a greater claim (and validation) to honor?

At v.11, Luke insists that it is in the line of David that there has been born a savior...*who is Christ and Lord.* In David's city is born the Savior, the Anointed One, which we Christians put onto the words of Isaiah in today's first reading (above). This One will bring a joy that surpasses the joy of a good harvest or the dividing of spoils at a great victory (v.2); this One will bring salvation surpassing the liberation experienced at Midian when God lifted the yoke of oppression by the pagan Midianites (v.3). The titles of the child born to us (v.5) combine the best of human attributes with the characteristics of a heaven appointed king. The human attributes are: he will be **Counselor** (have sharp political insight with sound ability to judge justly); he will be **Hero** (possess military might); he will be **Father** (have great solicitude for his people); he will be **Prince** (a leader with a tie to the King). Paired with these four are gifts that can come only from heaven: **Wonder, God, Forever, Peace**; these God-gifts are the essence of God's reign described v.6: *dominion is vast...forever peaceful...judgment and justice...both now and forever.*

Luke upholds the claim to high honor made for Jesus and clearly extends the meaning of Jesus as Savior beyond the expectation of Israel to include *all* peoples, that is, gentiles (that's us!) as well as the Chosen People.

#### All these cultural insights: **So What??**

Given these insights made through the Mediterranean cultural lens, what other meanings might we give to our celebrations today that could form a connection between the Christmas story and, say, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday – or for that matter, with any other day in our lives?

# Community Life



## Our Men and Women in the Service

Please hold these individuals in prayer during the holiday season.

**L. CPL. Joe Barra**, son of Jim and Cathy Barra, USMC, Afghanistan  
**Ben Batley**, nephew of Angela Nordgren, Army, Texas  
**Lt. Col. Marc E. Czaja**, son of Virginia and Charles Brenneman, USMC, USA  
**Andrew Jennings**, cousin of Virginia Brenneman, Army, Wounded Warrior, USA  
**Captain Emily Kasmar**, daughter of Kevin Kasmar, USAF, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Cameron Kasmar**, son of Kevin Kasmar, USMC, Afghanistan  
**Christopher Lenz**, grandson of Rosemarie Lenz, Airman 1st Class, Kedena, Japan.  
**Jordan P. Lopez**, son of Rene and Linda Lopez, Army, Georgia  
**2nd LT Keefe Murtaugh**, son of Barry and Courtney Murtaugh, USMC, California  
**SFC Jeffrey Puch**, brother of Katie Grund, Army, Korea  
**Spc Robert Schroeder**, son of John and Martha Munro, Army, Ft. Stewart, Georgia  
Additional submissions may be sent to: [parishcouncil@stannebarrington.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stannebarrington.org).

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### TECHNOLOGY HELP NEEDED

The Religious Education Office has a library of VHS tapes which would be useful if converted to DVD. Is there anyone who could volunteer to make this conversion for us? For more information, call **Audrey Taylor** at **847.620.3067**.

### STAMPS FOR POTS AND PANS

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# Community Events and Offerings/Needs

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**Priesthood/college.** St. Joseph College Seminary. Loyola University, Chicago. **Fr. Gerald Walsh**, [gwalsh@luc.edu](mailto:gwalsh@luc.edu) or **773.973.8848**.

**Alzheimer Support Group.** Holy Family, Inverness. **847.202.1294**.

**Support Group for Widowed Persons.** First and third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Holy Family, Inverness. Call **847.705.9886**.

**Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide.** [Catholiccharities.net/loss](http://Catholiccharities.net/loss).

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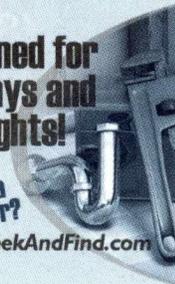
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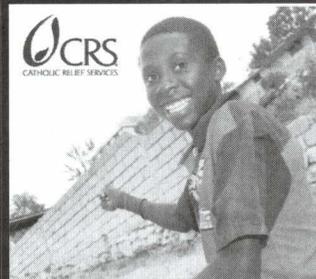
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