



The Good Shepherd's Good News

I know mine and mine know me.....



Parish Mission Vision Statement

With guidance from the Holy Spirit, the Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Community will provide an open door to all, by living and proclaiming the Good News of God's love through prayer, teaching, witness, and service.

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The Year of Saint Paul

Hopefully, many have heard that Pope Benedict XVI has announced a special jubilee dedicated to the life and teaching of St. Paul the Apostle. This Jubilee year began on June 29, 2008, and will continue to June 29, 2009.

On the Eve of the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 28, at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls, Pope Benedict XVI stated in his homily at Vespers: "Dear brothers and sisters, as in early times, today too, Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul. Paul, a former violent persecutor of Christians, when he fell to the ground dazzled by the divine light on the road to Damascus, did not hesitate to change sides to the Crucified One and followed him without second thoughts. He lived and worked for Christ, for Him he suffered and died. How timely is his example today! And for this reason I am pleased to announce officially that we shall be dedicating a special Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul from 28 June 2008 to 29 June 2009, on the occasion of the bimillennium of his birth, which historians have placed between the years 7 and 10 AD. It will be possible to celebrate this 'Pauline Year' in a privileged way in Rome where the sarcophagus which,

by the unanimous opinion of experts and an undisputed tradition, preserves the remains of the Apostle Paul, has been preserved beneath the Papal Altar of this Basilica for 20 centuries."

There are many areas to look at, but you might reflect on these:

I. Paul's Conversion Experience on the Road to Damascus and our Personal Conversion in the Year of Saint Paul

I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Get up and go into the city, where you will be told what to do. (Acts of the Apostles 9:5-6)

Paul was involved with the murder of Saint Stephen, the first martyr, whose feast day we celebrate on December 26. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that those who were stoning Stephen to death, "laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul." (Acts 7:58).

Stephen's glowing, peaceful face and his forgiveness of his persecutors as he died must have made an indelible impression on Saul, and prepared him for the experience of the Risen Lord that he had on the road to Damascus, when all of Saul's energetic

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SCHOOL NEWS

And They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

The students of Good Shepherd Catholic School are modeling this year's theme in order to be "Caught Being Christian." The photos of the "first Christians" can be viewed in the Good Shepherd cafeteria. They are displayed in the Education section of the glass case.

Students are doing a variety of acts of charity hoping to be "caught" by their teachers. Students are holding doors without being asked, cleaning up the classroom, helping a classmate, and being especially kind to one another. Lots of Christian deeds are being done. A parent even reported that her child is unusually helpful at home hoping to make

it be more "natural" so that she will be "caught" at school. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this carried over to our entire community?

The students write their names on a yellow piece of paper for doing their kind action. The papers are placed in a basket and taken to Mass on Wednesday. After Mass, three names are randomly drawn. A photo of those students is taken and placed in the glass case where the photo will remain for the quarter. With a new school quarter, there will be a fresh batch of Christians. Be sure to look for photos of your child, grandchild, niece/nephew or neighbor.

Welcome

There have been very few personnel changes this school year. The new principal, Mrs. Julie Connors, is also the computer teacher and music teacher. Mrs. Connors has a BS in Business Education from University of Missouri—St. Louis with a lifetime Missouri 7-12 teaching certificate and an MA in Educational Leadership from Saint Louis University with a Principal's Certificate. She has taught computer classes at Visitation Academy and Rosati-Kain High School (her alma mater). For the past two school years she has been substitute teaching in six South County parochial elementary schools where she gained some valuable experience. Mrs. Connors lives in South County with her husband of 37 years. They have five grown children and two adorable granddaughters.

In the preschool, Mrs. Pat Ludwig, is substituting for Mrs. Carol Neptune, while Mrs. Carol is ill. Mrs. Pat is a parishioner, whose children attended Good Shepherd. She has been a blessing to Mrs. Sherry.

Praying the Rosary Before School

Mr. Diaz continues his daily 7:35 a.m. rosary with the students before school. The attendance continues to increase. Recently, there were 17 students praying with Mr. Diaz. What a wonderful lifelong practice the students are learning! A new practice this year to encourage leadership is morning prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the eighth graders. This has been well received by the students and teachers. In music class, the 7th and 8th graders are composing a school song. Stay "tuned" for more about that.

A Pickle of a Week



Mrs. Diehl's Kindergarteners made pickles this week. The students were able to sample them at school and take a container home to share with their families. They are adjusting well to a full day of school. They enjoyed watching the bulldozer level the dirt on the property next to school. They had a "front row seat" to watch the action.

SCHOOL NEWS (cont.)

An Olympic Start to the New School Year

The first and second graders in Mrs. McInnis's classroom had their closing ceremony today for their Olympics. They followed the Olympics for two weeks, graphed the medals that were won, drew Olympic circles, learned about the Olympic mascots and in general learned that there are people living beyond the city limits of Hillsboro. They left today wearing their Olympic medals and huge grins.



beautiful trees, which were in the yard next to the school but enjoying their new colorful curtains, that can be seen as you approach the school. The students have also been spending a lot of time working with money and Roman numerals.

The third and fourth graders in Mrs. McWilliams's room also studied the Olympics. They are missing the

The fifth and sixth graders displayed the Apostles' Creed through their artistic talents. Mrs. Van Etten hung their papers in the hall for all to enjoy. The students learned how to create Excel charts and graphs in computer class using Olympic medal data for their assignment.

Let's Get Physical

Mrs. McGrath has been very creative with her class schedule and has somehow managed to get ninety minutes of physical education for grades 1-8 each week. Watching the news and reading the newspaper, it is evident that children need more physical activity. Her lesson plans have also had an Olympic theme.

Let's Get Creative

All of the students designed a postage stamp in Art class. Mrs. Duepner is entering the artwork in a national competition. Parents and family members will be able to purchase the stamps, which is also a fundraiser for the school



We Couldn't Do it Without You

The library is bustling thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Steffanie Campbell and Mrs. Linda Jensen. They have invited the preschool children to use the library on Fridays. The children and parents are very appreciative of the opportunity to listen to stories and check out books.

writes the Thursday newsletter and fills the Thursday folders. In her spare time, Mrs. Woods is the chairperson for the 2008 "Puttin' on the Ritz" auction.

Thanks to Mrs. Haselhorst and her volunteers, the students are fed a delicious hot lunch every day. Being aware of the latest nutritional guidelines, Mrs. Haselhorst has reduced the number of foods she fries and has reduced the amount of butter she uses to flavor foods.

Our wonderful pastor, Fr. Dennis, celebrates Mass with us each week and makes sure the students have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Just this week the students participated in the sacrament of reconciliation. They will have three more opportunities this year.

What would the school do without Mr. Morgan and his helper, Tommy? They have painted, repaired, replaced, buffed, steamed, trimmed, cut, etc. to make the school facility and property safe and attractive for the school community. Maintaining the building on a daily basis are our wonderful and loyal cleaners, Norma, Loreda, and Tammy. The students and faculty appreciate their efforts to make the building shine!

The Home and School officers and members are working hard to fund many activities for the school. One project is to "drop" the Internet into every classroom. With volunteer help this project is being done at a very low cost. The Home and School is also funding individual Bibles for the 3rd and 4th graders, which they will be able to keep and use throughout their lives. Other wish list items that were funded by Home and School are the atomic clocks in every classroom, items for the preschool and a computer cart. Please support their fundraisers as they support the school.

If you or someone you know is interested in touring this terrific school, please call Mrs. Lucy Woods to make an appointment. Mrs. Woods wears many hats at the school. She answers the phone, opens the door, opens the mail, applies band-aids and ice,

The 2008-2009 school year is well under way with plenty of Christian activity. May the Good Shepherd continue to guide the school community as we evangelize during this year of St. Paul.

The Year of Saint Paul

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personality previously focused on the persecution of Christianity suddenly became focused on the spread of Christianity. In a blinding flash of light, the Risen Lord penetrated the inmost being of Saul – henceforth to be known as Paul – and shattered his resistance, causing a complete change of mind and heart, a metanoia that led him to be a “servant” and “apostle” of Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1)

We can never underestimate the power of a Catholic life (our life) lived with integrity and radiant vitality. How many potential “Saint Paul’s” might we influence by radiating the power of Christ from deep within as Saint Stephen did? Paul’s reversal was so striking and complete as to be almost unbelievable to his fellow countrymen. When the Lord spoke in a vision to Ananias to seek out Paul and lay hands on him to restore his sight, Ananias replied “Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem.” (Acts 9:13) It is as though Ananias was asking the Lord if he really knew who this man was!

So much of the story of the early Church can be traced back to the contemplative and enthusiastic heart of Saint Paul ignited by his intimacy with the Risen Lord. Saint Paul understood how sin works in human nature and how the Holy Spirit can completely transform habits of corruption. Saint Paul also understood how to influence non-Christian and anti-Christian mindsets with charity so as to be able to be an instrument of another mind’s enlightenment.

The best way that we can celebrate the Year of Saint Paul is to go to the Risen Lord and ask Him about what deep and intimate conversion of life He is calling us to.

II. Rekindling a Love for the Eucharist and the Church in the Year of Saint Paul

Is not the cup of blessing we bless, a sharing in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break, a sharing in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)

One of the classic Pauline images is that of the Body of Christ as a communion of individuals with specific charisms and talents which build up the Body. Paul shows that the Eucharist is the source of unity, harmony and communion in the Body. Our reverent reception of the Eucharist is the great spark of missionary activity that leads us, like Saint Paul, to the ends of the earth.

If we take time to study and pray Pauline texts on the Eucharist, it can help us to “rekindle our Eucharistic

awareness” and to realize that every Mass has a “cosmic significance.” When we take time to rekindle our Eucharistic faith: awe and amazement at the truth of the Real Presence, our marriages and our families are rekindled in Christ. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are rekindled. Hopefully, a missionary spirit, evangelization and effective catechesis at every level are rekindled.

With Saint Paul, we too can be apostles of the Real Presence of the Eucharist in the world.

III The Universal Call to Holiness and the Universal Call to Mission in the Year of Saint Paul

I am convinced that one of the goals of Pope Benedict XVI in proclaiming the Year of Saint Paul is to have every Catholic hold up a mirror to his or her life and to ask: Am I as determined and as energetic about spreading the Catholic faith as Saint Paul was? Is spreading the faith both by example and by our conversations with our friends a greater concern?

What are we doing, in particular, to instill a love of Jesus and an understanding of our faith in the hearts and minds of our youth who are the future of the Church? In his boundless energy and athletic metaphors, Saint Paul’s example should be especially appealing to young people, encouraging them to apply their energy and enthusiasm to spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Pope John Paul II always reminded us that our Catholic faith only grows when we consciously and conscientiously share it with others. St. Paul, wrote these words to the Thessalonians, and they can be a program for us all: -‘With such yearning love we chose to impart to you not only the gospel of God but our very selves, so dear had you become to us.’ What is this love? It is much more than that of a teacher; it is the love of a father; and again, it is the love of a mother. It is this love that the Lord expects from every preacher of the Gospel, from every builder of the Church. A sign of love will be the concern to give the truth and to bring people into unity. Another sign of love will be a devotion to the proclamation of Jesus Christ, without reservation or turning back.”

I can think of no better messages from St. Paul than that of proclaiming the love of Christ to our world. May the fire that the Holy Spirit cast down into the heart of Saint Paul, which in turn lit up the earth, inflame our hearts to be vibrant and effective missionaries in the Year of Saint Paul and throughout our lives.

God bless

Fr. Dennis Schmidt

PSR NEWS

PSR in Full Swing

The first day of PSR began on September 3rd. Our teachers were very excited for the return of our little “disciples”. The summer has flown by quickly, and I am sure our parents feel the same way.

We are looking forward to working with some new teachers and aides for the 08-09 year. Not only do we have new faces this year, but we have added an additional 2nd grade class.

A special thank you to our faculty for all the work and effort they do every week to spread the Good News. Some of our staff members were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Teachers’ Institute. Later this year, they will have the opportunity to attend Catechist Day, which will provide them with new and inspirational ideas.

This year, we will once again offer the Safe Touch Program. The program is mandated by the Archdiocese. This is an invaluable program. The Archdiocese had reported that on two separate occasions, students who were approached by strangers knew what to do because of what they learned in this program.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

God Bless,
Irene Goff, PSR Director



Back to School Prayer

We thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons, Lord, the rainbow in each perfect row; thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper, awaiting fresh possibilities. May they remind us that you make all things new and bless us with abundance. Thank you for this ruler, for every eraser that tops every pencil. May they help us remember to measure our blessings but never your boundless love for us, to allow for the making of mistakes as a normal part of human learning. As we lay out our new clothes for these first days of school, help us remember to put on Christ each day, too, and to “clothe the naked” as he asked us. But mostly, God, help us remember that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher—that we never outgrow all His lessons on how you want us to live and to love.

By Mary Lynn Hendricks

2008-09 PSR Staff

<u>Gr.</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Aide</u>
K	Donna King	Kaytlyn Fitzpatrick
1	Peggy Pettibone	Peggy Wagoner
2	Joyce VanSickle	Andrea Voyles
2	Michille Fitzpatrick	Mendy Lewis
3	Christy Pinkley	Kara Krasnesky
4	Denise Haverstick	Amy Gottschalk
5	David Weiss	
6	Dan McCarthy	
7	Carla Jacobs	Judy Fletcher
8	Lisa Lewis	Tammy Ripperger

What is Scrip Shop?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by the national and local retailers where many of you already shop. These merchants want to support Good Shepherd, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. With every purchase, Good Shepherd

Parish and School is earning revenue. For school families it also earns you money toward your tuition. The reason for the effectiveness of scrip is simple: Good Shepherd families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. Buying from a scrip participating retailer provides a steady source of revenue for Good Shepherd Parish and School.

Good Shepherd Athletic Association



The Good Shepherd Eagles sports season is under way! Practices have begun for both the soccer and volleyball teams.

referees for our soccer games and makes sure that everything keeps running smoothly with Soccer. Mike Lodes is returning again this year to help with the A Team. His daughter, Michelle is a Freshman at Hillsboro. He has been helping with the soccer teams as long as his girls have been involved. We appreciate all of our coaches' dedication to the athletes in our sports' program. Without your involvement, we wouldn't have the great teams we have!

This year the B team and A team soccer teams participated in a preseason tournament held in Farmington at Engler Park on September 6, 2008.

This years soccer teams are being coached by the following individuals: C-1 which consists of Kindergarten and First Graders. Their coaches are Ken Bogowith and Troy Mathews. Ken has been coaching with Good Shepherd for the past four years, he has children who attend Good Shepherd Day School. This is Troy's first year back as coach. He previously coached when his oldest daughter, Stephanie played sports with Good Shepherd. C-2 which consists of Second and Third Grade will be coached by Brian Fitzpatrick and Bill Henderson. Brian has been coaching for the last six years. He has children enrolled in the P.S.R. program at Good Shepherd. Bill has been coaching for probably more years than he would care to remember!! Bill has been helping our sports program out when his oldest son Billy played at Good Shepherd. He has a daughter enrolled in the Day School. B Team, which consists of Fourth and Fifth Graders will be coached again this year by Steve and Debbie Schaeffer. They have been coaching our soccer teams for the last six years. They have two sons that attend the Day School. The A team, which consists of Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders will be coached by John Ziegler and Mike Lodes. John has come back again this year to coach. John is very involved with the Athletic Association, and he is our league representative for the CAC. He helps take care of scheduling

The Good Shepherd Eagles Soccer teams will have three home games this year. They are played at Hillsboro High School on the old grass soccer field. The dates are: Saturday, September 20th, Saturday, September 27th and Saturday, October 11th. The games begin at 8:00 in the morning. Please make an attempt to come and cheer our teams to victory!

The Volleyball teams will coached this year by Lisa Uzzle and Eric Lawrence. Lisa is coaching the B team girls. She has been helping with the volleyball program for the last five years. She has a son who attends the Day School. Eric will coach the A team girls this year. He has been helping with the program for the last three years. We thank them both for their love of the game, and the desire to pass this on to our players!

The Good Shepherd Eagles Volleyball teams will have two home games this year, Friday, September 5th and Friday, October 12th. Games are played at Hillsboro Jr. High and begin at 6:00 p.m. Please come out and support them!

Thank-you to everyone who supports our Good Shepherd Eagles!

Adult Education	Jean Fishback 789-3682/Deacon Ken Henning 636-464-0939
Alpha	Fr. Dennis 789-3356
Annual Catholic Appeal	Judy Kolisch 797-4552
Athletic Association	Michille Fitzpatrick 586-0682
Auction Committee	Lucy Woods 789-4121
Baptism Classes	Deacon Ken Henning 636-464-0939
Boy Scouts	Dan Luepke
Cub Scouts	Debbie Schaeffer 789-9033
Cantors	Kimberly Mathews 797-3322
Capital Campaign Committee	Mike Schalk 789-5830 Dave Neptune 797-2962
Card Ministry	Barbara Cox 475-3795
Cemetery	Bob Brown 489-4949
Child Liturgy of the Word	Mary Boushie 789-4404
Choir (guitar choir for special events)	Sherry Heumann 797-4149
Choir (Hospitality-1st Sunday of the Month)	Kimberly Mathews 797-3322
Choir (traditional-9:00 Mass)	Frank Roland 797-3615
Christ Renews His Parish Retreat	Deacon Paul and Linda Martin 797-2109
Christmas Sharing Tree	Mary Ann Wagner 797-3239 Doris Thone 274-5866
Church Art & Environment	Sherry Heumann 797-4149 Sabrina Hurtgen 314-630-7748
Endowment Fund Committee	Rick Blasé 942-2247
Eucharistic Adoration	Louise Brotherton 789-9881
Evangelization Committee	Deacon Paul Martin 797-2109
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Mary Boushie 789-4404
Funeral Bereavement	Diane Brown 942-3393
Girl Scouts / Brownies	Barb Flurry 475-9229
Greeters/Ushers	Phil Jones 797-5899
Golf Outing	Verlin Fishback 789-3628
Hospitality Committee	Jan Haselhorst 274-4813
Knights of Columbus	Joe McCraith 789-3705
Ladies' Auxiliary	Florence Dorshorst 937-7516
Lectors	Norma Broyles 789-3067
Long Range Planning Committee	Jeanne Aubuchon 475-4944
Music Director	Kimberly Mathews 797-3322
Newsletter - Good Shepherd's	Cathy Ringo 797-2655
Parish Library	Peggy Wagoner 789-9020
Picnic Committee	Jennifer Althoff 797-9078
Prayer Line	Mary Clare Stephens 931-3549
Pro-Life Committee	Jolene Ellenbracht 797-3446 Mary Thoma 797-4443
RCIA - Convert classes	Fr. Dennis 789-3356
Social Committee	Jeanne Aubuchon 475-4944
Scheduler for Ministries at Mass	Cindy Jansen 789-3356
Stewardship Committee	Steve & Dee Haverstick 586-8080
School	Julie Connors 797-2300
Together We're Better	Lorraine Wilhelm 797-4430
Tuition Committee	Mike Bellafiore 931-9198
Vacation Bible School	Sarah Reed 586-0332
Vocation Committee	Sarah Reed 586-0332
Web Page	Fr. Dennis 789-3356 Mark Smerker 797-5915
Youth Ministry	Contact - Ron Vaeth 274-1320
Education Commission	Contact - Fr. Dennis 789-3356
Home and School Association	Contact - Debbie Politte 789-4164
Liturgy Commission	Contact - Kimberly Mathews 797-3322
Finance Commission	Contact - Phil Giljum 797-3020
Parish Council	Contact - Ron Aubuchon 475-4944
Parish School of Religion	Contact - Irene Goff 797-4485
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Contact - Bill Hurtgen 789-2414

October is Respect Life Month



- We plan to meet at Good Shepherd Parish and form a Life Chain through the town of Hillsboro.
- We will assemble on the church parking lot 30 minutes early (1:30 p.m.) for prayer and to choose signs.
- Children and teens welcome!

*This is a Peaceful, Powerful,
Respect-Life Witness.*

Life Chain Coordinator for Good Shepherd Parish - Mary Thoma 636-797-4443

"...if we do not relax our efforts, in due time we shall reap our harvest." Gal. 6:9

32nd Annual Respect Life Convention

**Saturday, October 26, 2008
HYATT REGENCY RIVERFRONT**

For more information, please contact Mary Thoma (636) 797-4443

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Submitted by Mary Boushie

Children's Liturgy of the Word has just started its tenth year at Good Shepherd. We have Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The children leave Mass before the first reading and go downstairs and hear the same readings, along with role playing and discussing the Gospel on their own level. Once a child has made their First Communion, they will need to remain upstairs. The older children volunteer on a rotating schedule.

This is a wonderful program for our children, and very rewarding for me. If there is any adult who would like to help or assist in any way, feel free to contact Father Dennis or Mary.



"And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:16



It's a Baby Shower

EACH YEAR, DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, MANY EVENTS OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE PARISHES SHOWING RESPECT FOR LIFE. GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE, FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH HAVE BEEN PRAYING DAILY FOR AN UNBORN CHILD TO BE SAVED FROM ABORTION. THERE HAVE BEEN MONTHLY UPDATES PRINT IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ON THE BABY'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE WOMB. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO NAME THE BABY THROUGH A "SPIRITUAL ADOPTION". WE WILL BE HOLDING A BABY SHOWER DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IN HONOR OF BABY. MORE DETAILS WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MARY THOMA AT 797-4443.

Gifts will be donated to Birthright of Hillsboro.



Good Shepherd Athletic Association

3rd Annual Trivia Night

Where: Hillsboro KC Hall Hwy 21
When: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Time: Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Trivia begins at 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person
(\$5.00 of admission cost goes toward chance for a trip to Las Vegas)

- **Prize for Best Decorated Table**
 - **50/50 Drawing**
 - **Silent Auction Baskets**

Beer, Soda, Popcorn, & Pretzels Provided
No outside drinks allowed
Table snacks OK

For more information or tickets,
please contact Michille at (636) 586-0682

“Little Carol”

Submitted by
Annette Price

Little Carol came into the kitchen where her mother was making dinner. Her birthday was coming up and she thought this was a good time to tell her mother what she wanted. “Mom, I want a bike for my birthday.” Now, Little Carol was a bit of a trouble-maker. She had gotten into trouble at school and at home. Carol’s mother asked her if she thought she deserved to get a bike for her birthday. Little Carol, of course, thought she did. Carol’s mother, being a Christian woman, wanted her to reflect on her behavior over the last year, and write a letter to God and tell him why she deserved a bike for her birthday. Little Carol stomped up the steps to her room and sat down to write God a letter.

LETTER 1:

Dear God:

I have been a very good girl this year and I would like a bike for my birthday I want a red one.

Your friend,
Carol

Carol knew this wasn’t true. She had not been a very good girl this year, so she tore up the letter and started over.

LETTER 2:

Dear God:

This is your friend Carol. I have been a pretty good girl this year, and I would like a red bike for my birthday.

Thank you,
Carol

Carol knew this wasn’t true either. She tore up the letter and started again.

LETTER 3:

Dear God:

I know I haven’t been a good girl this year. I am very sorry. I will be a good girl if you just send me a red bike for my birthday.

Thank you,
Carol

Carol knew, even if it was true, this letter was not going to get her a bike. By now, she was very upset. She went downstairs and told her mother she wanted to go to church. Carol’s mother thought her plan had worked because Carol looked very sad. “Just be home in time for dinner,” her mother said. Carol walked down the street to the church and up to the altar. She looked around to see if anyone was there. She picked up the statue of the Virgin Mary, slipped it under her jacket and ran out of the church, down the street, into her house, and up to her room. She shut the door and sat down and wrote her letter to God.

LETTER 4:

I GOT YOUR MAMA. IF YOU WANT TO SEE HER AGAIN,
SEND THE BIKE.

Signed,
YOU KNOW WHO



Mind Boggling Questions



Submitted by
Rose Marie Nemeth

- How important does a person have to be, before they are considered assassinated instead of murdered?
- Why do you have to “put your two cents in”...but it’s only a “penny for your thoughts”? Where’s that extra penny going?
- Once you’re in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for all eternity?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- Why is it that people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called hearing?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you are on TV?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Did you every notice that when you blow in a dog’s face, he gets mad at you. But when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Time, Talent, and Treasure

by Stephanie Aubuchon

From my earliest memories of going to church with my parents on Sunday, I remember them having an envelope to place in the basket during the offertory. Many times my dad would hand me the envelope to place in the basket. As I got older, my parents reminded me to take one of my own quarters, and eventually a dollar, with me to church for the basket. To this day I place one or two dollars of my own money into the basket every Sunday and it makes me feel like I have contributed to my Church and accomplishing something. I have always understood that the offering we give is an important part of my participation at Mass, but it was not really clear to me that I am actually following Jesus' teachings until I researched the Bible for this report.

The Scripture text that directly relates to the mission of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) to serve others is Acts 4,32-37. In these verses Jesus says:

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. Thus Joseph, also named by the apostles Barnabas (which is translated ‘son of encouragement’), a Levite, a Cypriot by birth, sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles. “

This describes the exact mission of the ACA in that the entire community gives and works together so that everyone in need is taken care of. Just as the apostles followed the teachings of Jesus, the ACA orchestrates the very same thing today with “encouragement.” The ACA shares stories about the people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis who are in need and how contributions to the ACA help these individuals. The ACA campaign also reminds us that we as Catholics must show our commitment to Christ through this vital

charitable effort. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke said the following about the 2006 ACA, “The Catholic community united once again to demonstrate our commitment to the community, especially to those most in need. The Church is alive with the love enkindled by the Spirit of Christ.”

In the community I live in, Hillsboro, Missouri in Jefferson County, there are many people in need that are helped by the ACA funds either through Catholic Charities Agencies or through our church and school groups. The St. Vincent De Paul Society at Good Shepherd is very active in our community, helping many people through food pantries, Thanksgiving dinners, and assistance in paying rent and utility bills. Student members of the St. Vincent de Paul Club at St. Pius X also help homeless shelters after school by peeling potatoes and orchestrating canned food drives. The Birthright office in Hillsboro receives ACA funds and helps to provide shelter and support for young pregnant women so that they realize that there is hope so that they will bring their baby into this world. There is also a Catholic Charities office in Festus, MO that provides a wide range of services for families and seniors in need. Without the financial support from the ACA, it would be very difficult, if not impossible for the important services provided by these agencies and groups to remain available. The ACA also provides financial assistance for something that directly impacts me. St. Pius X High School receives funds each year from the ACA that helps provide financial support for those who have difficulty paying tuition. If these funds were not available, there would be fewer students at my school and St. Pius X might not be able to stay open. This would be devastating to me and all of my friends from Good Shepherd who go to St. Pius X. We would have to travel a great distance to attend a Catholic High School in St. Louis or Ste. Genevieve and some might decide just to go to a public school. This would not be good for our Church because these students would not be going to religion class throughout high school.

The Catholic education I received over nine years at Good Shepherd, now at St. Pius X High School, and also from my parents, has taught me that giving

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Time, Talent, and Treasure (cont.)

by Stephanie Aubuchon

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is receiving. This does not mean that I am expecting money in return for my good deeds or brownie points for that matter. Rather, by giving back to the Church with Time, Treasure, and Talent enables me to respond to the teachings of Jesus and it makes you feel good inside.

I used to think that the small amount I gave at Mass did not mean anything until I read the touching story about a woman in Luke 21, 1-4:

“When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, “1 tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood”

Now I realize that every contribution helps. However, to follow what Jesus teaches us, it is important to give beyond what is just comfortable.

Our participation in the ACA is related to our call as good stewards in that God has asked us to serve the poor and care for the needy. He has asked us to give of ourselves in every possible way. In Matthew 6: 19-21 God instructs us to:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and

thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroy, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

At this time in my life I am called to give to the ACA by giving of the time that I have, the money I can give, and the talents that I can share. Even though I might not think that the things I have to offer are great, every little bit counts and the Bible teaches us that we will be judged by God as to our actions and He will determine how we responded to His teachings. I also realize that it is also important that my response to the ACA, as well as determining what Time and Talents I will return to God, should be planned ahead of time. When it is planned, you are more likely to work toward the commitment and will set your goals higher than if you just do things as they come. For instance, I always plan to help with Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd. If I didn't plan to do this then something that I think is more important might stand in my way.

Teaching children and young adults to be giving and to help others is a hard task in today's world where society leads us to believe that more is better and you have to fend for yourself. I can participate in the mission of the ACA by always showing a good example, particularly to younger children, and also by responding to the ACA with my personal financial commitment.

Scripture Study

Praying the Scripture



Date: Begins Tuesday, September 9
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Parish Library
Hosted by: Jean Fishback

The Virtues: 7 Habits of Champions

Date: Begins Tuesday, October 14
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Parish Library
Hosted by: Father Dennis

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Different Drug Problem

Submitted by
Annette Price

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

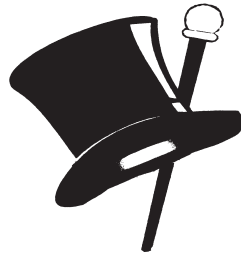
I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin: and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Submitted by concerned citizen

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