



The Proclaimer

of St. Scholastica



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St. Scholastica Parish 50th Jubilee Year

Henry Ristic

Parish volunteers have established a variety of subcommittees to prepare for the Parish's 50th Anniversary, our jubilee year. The Anniversary Committee is planning monthly events throughout 2012 ranging from social to spiritual. Henry and Marilyn Ristic are the Chairpersons who are leading these efforts and assisting the subcommittees in achieving their planned goals.



St. Scholastica Church, 1967

The Anniversary Committee is collecting historical items, memorabilia and related photos. If you have any such items, that you are willing to share with us, please bring them to the Parish Office. After the items have been scanned/displayed they will be returned to you. We have much to be proud of and want to ensure that our past years are duly recognized.

Sub-committees are just beginning to take shape, so it's a perfect time to volunteer and support us in the following planned activities: Liturgical, Musical, Socials, Youth Ministry, Family Picnic, Parish Mission, Dinner Dance, Logo and Theme, Quilt, Publicity, History, Time Capsule, Cultural, Cookbook and Parish Directory. If you have an

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And the Pastor Said....

Our Family

Living & Celebrating the Eucharist Father Gerald Riva, Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

Spring is finally here and the leftovers from winter are around us. I thought the mounds of snow on the edges of the parking lot would never melt. Now we deal with the pot holes, not a pretty sight. So life goes on, doesn't it.

We are in the midst of planning the parish's 50th Anniversary for 2012. That is a real milestone of time and as we look back, there are many high points and some low points as well. Yet, we are finding that there is much to celebrate and celebrate we will. Please continue to watch for ways that you can be involved in the many activities. Some will be social, some will be spiritual and some will make us remember and say thanks to all who went before us and laid a great foundation for this parish.

Saying that, We are also doing a major study form March through May to see if we could handle a capital campaign for projects that need to be done to maintain the excellent quality of service and ministry of our parish. These deal with brick and mortar jobs, but they are projects that need to be done sooner than later. We are doing one on one interviews, focus groups and full parish surveys from the pews or on line. You will all have an opportunity to share your views.

I ask that you cooperate with this program so that we can make an informed decision of what direction we need to take. This parish will

certainly be here into the next fifty plus years and we want it to be the best of parishes.

I often say that if a parishioner wants to know what goes on day to day here at St. Scholastica, all that person needs to do is sit and answer phones at the front desk and see that we are kept very busy. My all time favorite phrase is "never a dull moment." Believe me that there is never a dull moment on any given day in the parish. And being your only assigned priest here with 2800 plus families or over 9500 plus people, I'm kept quite busy. But it's always a good "busy."

Let's keep each other n our prayers as we look to the next fifty. We never know what the Lord will send our way.

Peace and All Good Things,

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Call to make sure we are in the office.

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Finance Committee Report

Steve Ryan

To St. Scholastica Parishioners:

We are including the financial results for the 7 months ending January 31, 2011 and January 31, 2010 on page 19. If you have any questions on the statements, please call our business office and someone will be happy to discuss the issues with you.

For the 7 months ending January 31, 2011, the parish had a surplus in revenues over expenses of \$108,630. This increase includes a gain on restricted investments of \$48,471. When you subtract the restricted gain, the parish shows an increase of \$60,159 compared with an adjusted increase from last year at this time of \$141,375, or a decrease from last year of \$92,904.

The revenue when compared to the same period one year ago is down \$27,653. Revenue from Sunday collections is the same as the previous year at this time. Christmas collection showed an increase of 8.5%.

The Parish expenses increased \$5,894 or 0.5%. All expenses have been carefully analyzed to insure adherence to the budget.

The Parish debt has been reduced by over \$117,000 over the past 12 months and now stands at \$1,591,564. We have benefited from the generosity of you, the parishioners who have allocated over \$15,000 in

the past 7 months for additional debt reduction. Please note, we are part of the Diocese of Joliet and can not negotiate the loan independent of the Diocese.

The parish finances seem to remain constant. The past year we put new carpet in the church, spent \$15,000 to repair the parking lot and continued to meet our debt and day to day obligations. The major expenses have come from our savings. We do not seem to be able to generate additional income to pay for the extras that the parish physical plant is demanding. For this reason, we are excited to have Lorraine Nelson on board to help us. First to find out what the parishioners feel the priorities and goals of the parish should be and secondly to organize us to reach those goals. Please share with her your thoughts on St. Scholastica.

Finally, we wish to thank you, the parishioners of St. Scholastica for your continued support of the parish with you time, talents and treasure. We are blessed.

Thank you,

Administration Committee

To view a detail of the 7 month financial report, go to page 19 or visit the Parish Web Site at www.stscholasticaparish.org

Your Pastoral Council Representatives are:

Fr. Riva (Pastor), Deacon Roger Schmith, Steve Ryan (Administration), John Greene (Worship), Lori Duitsman (Education -School), Kathleen Luczynski (Education-Religious Education), and at-large members Kevin Smith (chairperson), Mary Jane Munley (vice-chairperson), Walter Shiffer, Darren DiMaria, and Marilyn Pickers

Be A Good Steward!!!

Share your

God-given

gifts!!!



Treasure

St. Scholastica Parish
Woodridge, Illinois
2011 Parish Survey

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Final Day to Return Your Comments: May 1, 2011

A Time for Discernment as a Parish Family...

As St. Scholastica prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, there is a renewed sense of gratitude to those who provided the church and campus that exists today as well as an ownership of ensuring that the same must be done for those will come in the next 50 years. That said, St. Scholastica has several projects that need to be addressed with a sense of urgency:

Repave and Restripe the Lower Parking Lot and Entrances **\$200,000**
 (Needs to be completely dug-up and redone)

Roof Replacement **\$350,000**
 (The Church, Art and Environment Building, Locker Rooms and School Entrance all have critical leaks that will result in structural damage if not addressed in the next year)

In addition, there are other projects that are important to accomplish in order to enhance parish life:

Finish the gymnasium **\$400,000**
 (Includes asbestos abatement, new floor, reconfiguration of walls on the school side; will result in having a full-size basketball court and larger area for parish gatherings)

Improve the lighting in the Church **\$10,000**

Replace the Air-conditioning Unit in the Church **\$25,000**

We need to be financially responsible as we move forward in addressing our parish needs. In order to better understand parishioner thoughts and abilities to support these projects, we are taking time to ask everyone for their input. Whatever is done must be done well and as a community. Please make time to answer the questions below and return your survey by May 1, 2011.

1. How many years have you been associated with the parish?

1 – 10

11 – 20

21 – 30

31+

2. Are you aware that St. Scholastica Parish has a \$1.6 million debt?

Yes

No

3. Do you feel St. Scholastica parishioners would be willing to make financial gifts or pledges in order to accomplish the projects listed above? *(Please circle one)*

Yes

No

**Please return via the Offertory basket at weekend Mass or to the Parish Office either in person or via U.S. Mail to
 7800 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, Illinois 60517**

4. Would you personally be willing to make a financial commitment to help pay for the projects? *(Please circle one)*

Yes

No

5. How much money do you realistically think St. Scholastica could raise in a capital campaign with pledges over the next five years?

Under \$1 million

\$1 - \$3 million

\$3 - \$5 million

\$5 - \$7 million

6. In order to move forward responsibly, we need a better understanding of parishioner willingness to participate financially. Capital campaign gifts are a special offering above and beyond offertory giving and may be paid over a five year time period. Understanding that your decision will be influenced by the final project communicated, please circle the level your family would likely consider in supporting such a funding effort: *(Please circle one. This is not a commitment, you are simply indicating where you think you could help)*

Up to \$1,000

\$1,000 - \$5,000

\$5,000 - \$10,000

\$10,000 - \$25,000

\$25,000 - \$50,000

\$50,000 - \$75,000

\$75,000 - \$100,000

\$100,000 - \$250,000

\$250,000 - \$500,000

7. Please offer any additional comments here:

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West Suburban Community Pantry

Jo Jackson

No one's life ever goes along without times of sadness or concern. Most often there are good things and troublesome things happening at the same time, all the time. But sometimes don't you feel compelled to just sit back and count your blessings? For clients of the West Suburban Community Pantry, a blessing that comes at a time, when not too much is going smoothly for them in receiving food.

Many St. Scholastica parishioners realize that they are blessed with a surplus that enables them to give to their neighbors in need by participating in one of the Pantry's programs. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bucket Brigade cleaning supplies drive, or provided an Easter ham or basket, or attended and contributed to the annual fundraiser, "The Cabaret." Blessings received. Blessings given. Mother Teresa gives us words to ponder: "Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more. Be happy now and if you show through your actions that you love others, including those who are poorer than you, you'll give them happiness to. It doesn't take much – it can be just giving a smile.

The world would be a much better place if everyone smiled more. So smile, be cheerful, be joyous that God loves you."

The essence of the Pantry is the disbursement of food. The items you deposit in the gym each Sunday quickly find their way to the Pantry's clients. Or perhaps you have provided food through a virtual shopping spree on the Pantry's website or made other contributions. Now what about the smile? Could you spend time at the Pantry helping distribute food and smiling? Could you help at St. Scholastica by signing up holiday basket donors or handing out buckets and smiling? It is a privilege to serve each other – you are invited to share in that privilege and have a great opportunity to share a smile!

To everyone who volunteers on behalf of the Pantry, thank you! For more information on the Pantry's programs and specific requests, just watch the bulletin. For more information on helping at the Pantry, check out their website, www.wcpinc.org. For more information on helping at St. Scholastica, call the Outreach office (630-985-2351 x380). God smiles when we care for others!

St. Scholastica Parish 50th Jubilee Year

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interest in helping with one (or more) of our subcommittees, please let the Parish Office know and we will connect you to the Anniversary Committee. This is an exciting undertaking and we welcome all parishioners to get involved.

Please direct any questions to either Henry or Marilyn Ristic at (630) 963-1975. A heartfelt thanks to all who have already volunteered. The Jubilee year will truly be a time of reflection on our past 50 years and how we have grown together in our faith.



ST. SCHOLASTICA Parish, 7600 Jones ave., Woodridge, is passing another year of life.



25th Anniversary Celebration, 1987

THEN AND NOW – Father John B. Kinsinger, left, the 1st St. Scholastica pastor, greeted Father Thomas Ristic, the new St. Scholastica pastor, at the parish's 25th anniversary celebration Sunday, May 23.



Saint Scholastica School ROOM 106 GRADE 4 1968

Do you have pictures or memorabilia of the Parish from the past 50 years? We would like to borrow them for the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration. Contact Henry Ristic at 630.963.1975.



Preparing for Mass, 2010



Groundbreaking for Administration Center Addition, 2001

DAYBREAK

Transitional Housing Ministry

Denese Casserly

**“May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.”**

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St. Scholastica Daybreak Transitional Housing Ministry provides housing for previously homeless families who are seeking a better life. Daybreak Ministry supports these families by furnishing free housing and utilities for a period of up to two years. Each family is assigned a team of three mentors from Daybreak and a Social Worker from Bridge Communities. These mentors work weekly with each family setting personal goals, planning a family budget and assisting them to reduce or clear past debts. Our mentors and a Social Worker help counsel each family toward good budgeting, enhanced parenting skills, education, higher self-esteem and guidance to more rewarding employment.

Here is an update on our Daybreak guest families:

Two of our families have moved on from our program recently. They have their own housing now and have improved their financial situation greatly while in our care. We wish them well and will keep them in our prayers.

Our remaining guest family is also doing well. The mom is employed but not full time. She is looking for a better paying job at this time. She really needs a full time job but so many companies only have positions that allow for 20-30 hours of work a week, with no employee benefits. She is also attending classes at C.O.D. and receiving good grades.

We have a new guest family that just moved into our program. She is a mom with 4 children. She is employed but not full time. We think she and her family will do well in the Daybreak program. We'll let you know more

about this family and their achievements in the future.

We are hoping to have still another family placed in our program in the very near future.

Our guest families and their mentors need and appreciate the support and prayers from our St. Scholastica parishioners.

Our annual fundraiser “Adopt a Family for a Day” started March 12 and continues throughout Lent. We will be in the narthex each weekend asking our parishioners to sign their name on any date in our calendars such as a birthday, anniversary, a special day etc. to support one of our Daybreak families for one day. We'll also have Fannie May candy bars for sale. This is our main fundraiser each year. We really appreciate your generosity each year. Without your help we would not be able to support our families! God bless you.

Our Dinner Dance, “A Blast from the Past,” last October, was a great success. It was a nostalgic evening of entertainment featuring music from the '50s to the '80s! Good food, great music, dancing and lots of fun! We invited back entertainer Jerry Armstrong and everyone had a great time! Celebrity Dance Studio showed everyone some cool dance steps! A diner style dinner was provided courtesy of Suparossa.

Our sincere thanks to Father Riva, the parish office staff, STORM and to our generous parishioners for the continuous support you offer to Daybreak each year. We could not exist without your help.

To find out more about Daybreak ministry or if you want to join us, call Ed Full at 630.985.7521.



Encuentro
Chris Hannigan-
Wiehn

Encuentro strives to enrich our faith community by blending together the diversity of our many cultures, family traditions, and histories that we share. We are all different in one way or another and it is a blessing to be able to embrace those differences while focusing on similarities. Encuentro celebrates the fact that our parish is gifted with cultural and racial diversity. As Pope Paul VI noted, in words recently recalled by Pope John Paul II, “The Church can regard no one as excluded from its motherly embrace, no one as outside the scope of its motherly care.” The Encuentro committee meets on Mondays once a month in the Parish Center or at a local ethnic restaurant.

Our multilingual Masses with the readings and intercessions in various languages remind us of the universal nature of our Church. We are always in need of people that speak a second language to assist us at these Masses. Please contact Chris at 630.985.2351 ext. 130 stscholadulthood@aol.com if you would like to volunteer.



PHOTO BY DENISE BELA
PARTY BOWS — Ruth Seirtan and Terry Brown of the St. Scholastica Council of Catholic Women are busy making bows to decorate the tables for the St. Joseph's Feast tables. St. Scholastica will host the feast on Sunday, March 15, from 1 to 6 p.m.

St. Scholastica Council of Catholic Women

Joan Ackerman

2010-2011 was a very successful year for The St. Scholastica Council of Catholic Women. Among the activities the CCW is involved in is our annual Fall Craft Show, Christmas Pot Luck/Gift Auction, annual Spring Garage Sale of Hidden Treasures Garage Sale, Friendship Tea, Woman of the Year Announcement and Spring Banquet.

We are honored to announce the **2011 CCW Woman of the Year-- Laurie Kagann.**

Laurie is a long time resident of Woodridge and member of St. Scholastica. Laurie has been involved with many parish, CCW, civic and community activities and events. Laurie is a Eucharistic Minister, in the Resurrection Choir, and a member of the 50th Anniversary Parish Planning Committee. Laurie volunteers at funeral luncheons, blood drives and bakes for CCW functions. Laurie has been involved with the CCW Friendship Tea for many years and was the Chair this year. Laurie is always helping whenever she is needed. Laurie retired as Librarian from Sun Publications in 2006. Laurie is currently Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Lisle/Woodridge Fire Protection District. In 2009, as part of the 50th Anniversary of Woodridge, the Woodridge government center was named the Laurie and Joel Kagann Plaza. Laurie Kagann is one busy lady!!!! Laurie's family and friends, including husband Joel, son Joe and daughter Carol, joined in the announcement and celebration at the CCW March meeting. Laurie was honored at a Mass celebrated at the Diocesan Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet and at a luncheon on April 30th. Congratulates to Laurie on this special



occasion!!

The Craft Show was held in the fall. A big thank you to all who participated in making the event so successful, including crafters, sellers, buyers, bakers and Boy Scout Troop 512. The CCW appreciates your help and support.

The CCW Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Auction was a great time and raised funds for a great cause. The auction brought in \$1,800 which was used to purchase holiday gifts and food for Christmas Giving Tree families. We want to express our gratitude to Joel Kagann and Fr. Riva for being our auctioneers!! Thank you for helping us help others!!

Our annual Friendship Tea was held on March 13th. A traditional tea was served. All who attended had a lovely Sunday afternoon. Hats and gloves were worn by many of those attending.

Our annual Garage Sale of Hidden Treasures was held on March 26th in the School Gym. The event was very successful, both for sellers and buyers. Again, we thank the bakers

Knifty Knitters and Crocheters



The Prayer Blankets/Shawl Ministry is another service supported by CCW. Parish and CCW members have made blankets that are available for loved ones, family members or friends, who may be ill, hospitalized or in a nursing home. They are made for the sick and suffering with much love and prayer. If you would like a blanket for a family member or friend, you may stop by the office and choose one. Donations for the blankets themselves, as well as material and batting, are requested to help keep the prayer blankets available for all who request them. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122.

and the Boy Scouts for their assistance.

The Spring Banquet/Installation Dinner will be held May 3rd. Please watch the bulletin for details. The officers for the 2011-year will be installed. Members and guests are invited to enjoy an evening of friendship, fun and food. Members will learn the identity of their Prayer Partners. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

All women of the parish are members of CCW. We extend an invitation to all women to attend our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month, September through April and ending the year with our May banquet. Become involved with CCW. Looking forward to seeing YOU in the fall.

Ongoing CCW Services

One of the ongoing services of the CCW is to provide, upon request, a luncheon following funeral services, to help our bereaved parishioners. Parishioners are spared the expense of a restaurant meal or the work of having people at their home. The luncheon is provided free of charge, however, donations may be given to help defray the expenses, in whatever amount the family can afford. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 630.985.2351. Volunteers are always needed to provide desserts and/or help with set up or clean up. With increased volunteers, you may only be called up once or twice a year. To volunteer to bake, please contact Judy Retterer at 630-964-0669 and to volunteer to help set up or clean up, please call Kathy Nartnick at 630.985.3197. Thank you!



The CCW and Knights of Columbus host Blood Drives throughout the year. Please watch the bulletin for dates and details.



St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Cathy Armstrong

“We should give ourselves to God and wear ourselves out for God.”

- St. Vincent de Paul

Recently our conference added one new member. Jim Kreifel, who also volunteers with Daybreak, joined us in January. It is always heartening to gain new members.

If you are interested in helping the poor, please feel free to come and attend one of our monthly meetings, on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. When we do visit clients, it is done by going out “two by two.” Those whom we visit call the rectory first, seeking help with rent, utilities or furniture. Without enough volunteers to do home visits, we will not be able to continue helping those who call the church looking for help.

Besides home visits, other volunteers deliver usable furniture to

clients within our parish boundaries. If you have any useable furniture please call the rectory at 630-985-2351 ext. 3 and leave a message. We will get back to you, as soon as we can, to arrange a pick up by the SVdP store for clothing, household goods and very sellable furniture. The store phone number is 630-231-4658.

Again, on April 30th and May 1st we held clothing drives. Thank you to all who donated items. For those times between the clothing drives there are deposit receptacles in the upper southeast corner of the parking lot. Clothing and smaller items may be dropped off at any time in these containers. For larger items, please call the number listed above to arrange a

pick up. Please do not leave items outside the bins. We do not accept televisions older than three years and no computer equipment.

The good news, for our conference, is that we can continue to serve the needy of our area because the parishioners of St. Scholastica have generously supported our activities. We are very grateful and appreciate this financial assistance. The majority of our support comes the parish’s donation of all the money collected at Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Since October, this support has allowed us to give away \$9,336.66, mostly for rent, ComEd, Nicor and water bills. Thank your for generosity.



Knights of Columbus

Ed Full

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men dedicated to four principles - Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism. The Robert P. Connelly Council was chartered in 1966 and for the past forty-five years, we have promoted our Catholic values and served the parishes and communities of St. Scholastica, St. Joan of Arc and Christ the Servant. Christ calls us to be good stewards and through our many good works, our council members, the Ladies Auxiliary and our Families we have focused our energies on the betterment of our Church, Family, Youth, Community and Council. The council has activities in these five key areas including Christmas Toys for Tots, Family Christmas Party, Basketball Free Throw contest, Mayslake Retreat, Stations of the Cross, Easter Party, Family Corporate Communion, PGK

Golf Outing, Memorial Mass and dinner and many, many others.

Over many years, the Council has received numerous awards for accomplishments in Community, Church, Youth and Charitable activities. We also received recognition for our efforts in supporting Newman Centers on College Campuses, Vocations and Disaster Relief.

For over forty-five years, the council has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to various charitable causes in our immediate communities. The most recent, The Intellectually Challenged Tootsie Roll drive raised over \$10,000.00, which will go directly to those in need in our communities. All this came about in a very challenging economic climate and could not have been done without the ongoing support from the Parishes and Communities

that we serve!

At the end of 2010, a major change in the structure of the Council took place, when a new Council was formed in St. Joan of Arc Parish. The new Council was named “St. Joan of Arc” and a number of members from that Parish moved to the new Council. We wish the Council success in moving forward with the good works of the Knights of Columbus. The Robert P. Connelly Council 5918 will continue to support the St. Scholastica and Christ the Servant Parishes and their communities.

Please take the opportunity to learn more about this outstanding Catholic Men’s Fraternal Organization by contacting Paul Pusa at (630) 369-2254 or Darren Di Maria at (630) 956-1236 or visit our web site www.kofc5918.org.

Boy Scout Troop 512 News

Ruth Dunkman

We congratulate Brian Frank, who recently became the 50th Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 512. For his Eagle project, he managed the efforts of 33 volunteers to repaint the dark blue area of the St. Scholastica gym walls in a single day.

The Scouts will attend a weeklong summer camp July 31st through August 6th at Ransburg Scout Reservation in Bloomington, Indiana. Summer camp is always a great time, where the boys can swim, go canoeing and kayaking, enjoy outdoor sports such as archery, horseback riding, and earn rank advancements and merit badges.

The troop continues to provide service to the parish and community, including helping with the CCW garage sale, assisting the St. Vincent DePaul Society with their winter clothing drive, and helping the Lions Club with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We also thank the Woodridge community for their support of our recent Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

All boys aged 11 to 17 are invited to join the Boy Scouts. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Joe Hodges at 630-985-4773 or jhodges512@yahoo.com.



Spaghetti Dinner

(Photo by: Suzy Ravasio Chudzik, Woodridge Patch)

Hospitality Sunday

Bob & Marlene Clark
Coordinators

As we wind down with another season we want to say thank you to everyone that helped make hospitality Sunday so enjoyable. Without everyone's help, stopping in to enjoy the fellowship and eat and drink, what our parish family has prepared. Every parishioner helped to make Hospitality Sunday a success.

Thank you to all who worked in the kitchen, who help serve and everyone who helped after the 12:00 mass who took the time to spend with a just a little longer and help with clean up.

Thank you to our bakers and cooks who took the time to make each Hospitality special. Thank you who brought in the paper goods, juices, coffee and all your special ideas. We want to thank our core team who makes it a lot easy for us to run this ministry. Next year we will start Hospitality Sunday the 1st Sunday in November.

Our **"Welcome Center"** in the church breezeway continues to be filled with activity and information about our Parish Community. Parish ministries, boards, commissions, and organizations have been invited to leave materials and flyers regarding their programs there, so everyone can easily find information about programs in which they might be interested.

Currently, members of our **"Welcoming Committee"** are available in the Welcome Center after mass on Hospitality Sundays. One of our goals is to have someone available before and after each mass on the weekends to welcome and assist with information. Individuals interested in participating in this ministry can contact the Parish Office (985-2351), give their name, and someone from the Welcome Program will contact them to talk about the responsibilities involved. We encourage and invite everyone to consider this exciting ministry!

Date Night

Bob & Marlene Clark



As we finish our 4th year with the Marriage Date Night, Bob and I have grown a lot closer. We try to plan 3 date nights each year.

In September we had dinner for two with a game night. At the end of that night we had balloons fly in the air with a post card stating if you find please mail back. Two of our couples received the cards back. We played games as a group.

In January we had a Pot Luck dinner. We took pictures of our couples date night and played a game—husbands against wives. The husband won.

Our third date night was April 9th and was our white Elephant night with finger foods. Each couple was asked to bring in two gifts wrap it up and we played BINGO for the gifts. At the end of the night we opened the gifts and saw what white elephant gifts were brought.

If you are married 1 month or 50 years come and give date night a try. It is a lot of fun. In the past we had free on site babysitting service. So if you did not get a chance to attend any date night, watch for us next season. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun evening with your spouse.



Rita Ramsey

Are you planning to be hospitalized for some minor or major surgery?

Is someone you know currently in need of prayer or remembrance? Is there a family member or neighbor homebound? Do you need prayers for yourself for any reason? Please call Rita in the parish office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122 to request prayers. Be prepared to leave your name and phone number as the requestor. I like to follow up and check on those being prayed for. The list is being updated, so please contact me to let me know that you would like your loved one or yourself to remain on the list.

Please Join Us As We Celebrate

Carrie Marcotte



Easter is late this year, Sunday, April 24, so I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to fully participate in all of our Holy Week liturgies. On the mornings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we offer morning prayer at 8:30 am. On Holy Thursday at 7 pm we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At this liturgy, we remember Christ's instruction to be servants to one another. To commemorate this, Father washes the feet of 12 of our parishioners. The liturgy concludes with a procession of the Eucharist and we have adoration in the chapel until Holy Hour at 11:30 pm. We have family Stations of the Cross at 10 am on Good Friday, and a dramatic reading of the Stations of the Cross at 3 pm. At our 7 pm Liturgy, we read the Passion and all have an opportunity to venerate the cross at the end of the liturgy. Our Easter Vigil begins at 8 pm on Saturday night. It is not as long as you'd think (usually under 2 hours). It begins with a massive Easter fire outside the church that is expertly prepared by one of our parishioners, Glenn Clark. We then process into a darkened church and

light vigil candles from the Easter candle-the light of Christ. At this liturgy, we welcome our catechumens and candidates into the church and then we all celebrate the Eucharist together. On Easter Sunday we have Masses at 8 am, 10 am, and 12 Noon with a second Mass in the gym at the 10 am and 12 Noon hours.

It takes many hands to make these liturgies happen: Clergy, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cross Bearers, Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Ushers, Ministers of Hospitality, members of the Art and Environment committee, members of the Music Ministry, our foot washing volunteers, the RCIA sponsors and leaders, the Knights of Columbus, who set up for the gym for Masses, and the parish staff all contribute to these holy days. Please consider joining us. I find that my faith is deepened and renewed each time we celebrate these liturgies. I hope yours is too!

Thank you!

Carrie Marcotte
Director of Liturgy



Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

Alice Aubele

The Year of the Eucharist in our diocese will be coming to a close in just a few months. There has been a slight increase in the number of adorers with the exception of February and that was probably due to the weather. Since so very few had signed in, adoration was canceled. Those who had signed in ahead of time were notified. If you had not signed in and came on First Friday to find the church locked, please accept an apology.

The rule for Eucharistic Adoration is; A minimum of two people will be present at all times during the exposition. The first Friday of April comes in Lent this year. Wouldn't Adoration be a good thing to do as part of your Lenten prayer? The hours of exposition of The Blessed Sacrament are from 9 am 'til 7 pm. I realize that many of you are at work during the morning hours but maybe you could spare an hour in the evening. A calm, unhurried, relaxing hour to visit with Our Lord at the close of the day and the end of the workweek.

Music Ministry

Carrie & Dan Marcotte

We are rehearsing diligently to prepare for Holy Week. The Contemporary Ensemble and Adult Choir will combine to provide the music on Holy Thursday. The Adult Choir will sing for the liturgies on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The Instrumental Ensemble will return to play for both the Easter Vigil and the 10 am Mass on Easter Sunday. The Handbell Choir will also be playing for the 10 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

The 10 o'clock Adult Choir and the Contemporary Ensemble will be winding down our year, at the beginning of June. The Junior Chorus



will resume, to sing for the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 7th and conclude their year by singing for St. Scholastica's 8th Grade Graduation ceremony, on Thursday, May 26th. The Teen Choir will sing for their 8 am graduation Mass on Sunday, June 5th. The Hand bell Choir will play their last Sunday on May 8th. The Resurrection choir doesn't take a summer vacation. They are always on call to sing for our Funeral liturgies. The 10 o'clock instrumentalists will continue to play throughout the summer and we will feature them as soloists for our Communion Meditation songs.

The weekend of Pentecost we always have a Ministry Fair in the gym for parishioners to sign up for ministries and organizations at our parish. The Music Ministry will have a table at the fair and we invite you to stop by if you would like to join one of our ensembles.

As always, we thank the parish for supporting the music program. Our greatest joy is to hear YOU singing along with us!!

God's blessings for a great spring and summer!

Carrie & Dan Marcotte
Directors of Music

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Alice Aubele

As I sit down to compose this column I have just returned from the funeral of a very dear friend. She and I first met in the early '70s when we were both teaching CCD classes (now known as Religious Education), here at St. Scholastica. We formed a friendship which lasted for over 30 years. Her name is Fran Pohl. I love her dearly and will miss her for the rest of my life. As you may have noticed, I did not say her name WAS or, I LOVED her, I used the present tense. I did this because I firmly believe that she still IS my friend and I will pray for her soul and ask her to pray for me. I also believe her prayers for me will be heard sooner than mine for her will be, as she is now one step closer to God than I am.

Which brings me to the subject of Divine Mercy. We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the First Sunday After Easter again this year. Pope John Paul II instituted this special Feast Day at the canonization of St Faustina. It is considered to be the most appropriate time for the honoring of Divine Mercy as it falls immediately after the Paschal Feast of Easter. St. Augustine called the days after Easter “days of mercy and pardon.” Jesus Himself asked for the establishment of Divine Mercy Sunday, promising, “I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.” (1109) “Whoever approaches the Fountain on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (303) “The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (699)

Do you own an insurance policy on your home, your car, and your personal property? How about your immortal soul? The quotations above, taken from the diary of St. Faustina are promises made by Jesus Himself, sure sound like one to me.

A Personal Invitation to Join the Contemporary Ensemble

John Koys

Bear with me, dear Proclaimer reader, while I reflect for a moment on what the Contemporary Ensemble means to me, and to extend an invitation to all to join this merry band of singers, who raise their voices in praise to God each Sunday at the noon Mass.

My wife, Pat, and I moved to Woodridge about nine years ago. For more than a year we looked around for a Catholic church to join before settling on St. Scholastica. For a couple of years we'd attend Mass usually at noon on Sundays, mostly sitting near the back, quietly praying, minding our own business. I liked hearing the contemporary music, the noon choir sang, in part because it reminded me of the music we sang and played as part of a “guitar Mass” in college.

Then one Ministry Sunday, at which the myriad lay ministries of the parish introduce themselves, I was invited to join the Contemporary Choir. My wife immediately joined me. That was almost five years ago.

Being a member of this choir has led to many wonderful things. Although it means getting to church two hours early each Sunday for practice, the time spent working on the music, I feel, is truly a labor of love. My

association with the ensemble has led to my finding many new friends in the parish. Together we have practiced for and performed Christmas concerts as well as fundraisers for the parish, such as the recent rock ‘n’ roll review at the Tivoli.

As part of the choir, I feel much more engaged at the Mass. Lifting your voice as one of ten or twelve others—as well as the entire congregation—accompanied by several talented instrumentalists adds a beautiful dimension for me to the celebration of Mass. I feel my prayer is elevated along with my spirits.

Members of this group have shared one another's joys and sorrows through the years. We jointly contribute to Thanksgiving baskets, sign get well cards and purchase Christmas gifts for needy families. This little choir has enriched my life and I believe, my wife's as well.

I think I can speak for our director Jim Gorecki when I say, to all members of St. Scholastica who love to sing, that you're cordially invited to join the Contemporary Ensemble. Please call Jim at 630-969-0041. We would love to hear your voices blended with ours each Sunday morning.



Altar Servers

Angelina Kesterson

The Primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the

celebration of the liturgy during mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy.

New servers are required to attend training in order to serve mass. The training sessions are offered to grades 4 through 8. We will be conducting training on Saturday, April 9th, from

10:30 am to 12:00 pm in the church. Deacon Terry Zarembka will administer the training session.

St. Scholastica is truly blessed to have approximately 40 trained altar servers. We are even more blessed since many of our servers continue on in this ministry well into high school.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry, to serve God and your parish community, please contact Marianne Carcerano at 630-985-6068 or Angelina Kesterson at 630-985-6068.

Easter Vigil High Point of Christian Initiation

In August those who became our candidates (preparing for Eucharist and Confirmation) and catechumens (preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) began the inquiry stage of their RCIA process. During that period of time their questions about their spiritual life, relationship with God, questions about the church, were addressed. All of those adults and young people who participated in this spiritual journey had their own unique response to God's call.

With every new journey it is helpful to have companions who serve as guides. Several guides were our parish sponsors. The contribution these parishioners made for the benefit of the candidates and catechumens was incredible. We were blessed to have John, Claussen, Gerald Bevignani, Jan Leifel, and Corinne Steagal. These individuals had faith sharing opportunities and an opportunity to expand their stewardship for the benefit of our entire parish. In several cases family members accompanied their loved one on the RCIA journey. Jerry Bevignani, Charmaine Pemenko and Darren DiMaria were wonderful spiritual guides for their family members. Both parish sponsors and family sponsors were a blessing not only for our candidates and catechumens but also for our entire parish community.

Since September our candidates and catechumens attended sessions that included prayer, catechesis, time for questions and discussion of scripture and of faith related topics. There was always an amazing energy in the room. One would expect that when you have a room filled with people who truly recognize the presence of God in their lives. Our catechists shared information on various church and faith related topics. Fr. Riva spoke about the seven sacraments and



forgiveness. Dr. Barbara Schmith spoke about Lent/Easter Triduum. Deacon Jerry instructed them about our salvation history. Deacon Roger instructed them on the sacraments of initiation and social justice. Sr. Benita Jasurda spoke to them about prayer.

Chris Hannigan-Wiehn spoke to them about the Trinity, Christmas/Advent, Communion of Saints, and making moral decisions. Jo Jackson taught them about the old and new testaments of the bible. For six of our sessions, Bob Wheeler spoke to the RCIA participants about Eucharist and the Creed. Not only did they share their knowledge with the participants but also were open to questions. Deacon Terry was one of the presenters for their morning of reflection. Again, we are so grateful to their generous giving of their time preparing for these sessions and being part of the RCIA process.

Easter Vigil Mass has always been an awesome celebration of the core of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus. This sacred event is filled with joyful music, scripture stories, blessing of fire and water, opportunities for the entire congregation to renew their baptismal commitment. Adele Gardner, Cristina Chinoy, Michal Gardner, and Tiana Petrak will be baptized at our Easter Vigil. Carol Niles, and W. Vincen Graham who have already been baptized in another Christian denomination, will participate in the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and also be confirmed. Hugo Pacheco, Jackie Mayo, Seidi Adame, Anthony DiMaria, and Abby Perez are high school students who will be confirmed with the 8th graders or on Pentecost at the cathedral.

For the RCIA Elect and Candidates it is a significant moment in their lives. The evening is a joyful event that celebrates their spiritual journey in a powerful way through the sacraments of initiation.

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New Wine Graduate



"No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins."

(Lk 5:37-38)

That bible verse was the inspiration

for a very special diocesan lay ministry program. Our very own Jo Jackson completed a 3 1/2 year long program that included study in leadership,



communication, scripture, sacraments, church history, prayer and many other topics. Her commitment to attending the classes, reading many texts, writing papers and her final project/presentation was impressive. We as a parish should be proud that she represented St. Scholastica as well as she did. She along with twelve other participants from several local parishes received their certificates at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville on February 19. Fr. Joel, the presider, spoke to the 2011 New Wine class about the importance of lay ministry in the future of the Church. He shared with them that the Holy Spirit guided them through their formation and would continue to guide them as they continue to minister in the Church.

Members of your Worship Commission include:

Judy Devitt, Judy Full, John Greene, Jo Jackson, Carrie Marcotte, Marilyn Lamm, Joe Marks, Josephine Peterson, Georgianne Williams

The Worship Commission meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

"The Spirit of our God is upon me; anointing me and sending me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from our God". LUKE, 4:18

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 31
7 – 8:30 pm

Facilitator: Deacon Roger Schmith
Location: Parish Center

The program that will be used for discussion, Clamor for Justice, comes to us from *Network*, a national Catholic social justice lobby. Jesus denounced the danger of riches, the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees, those who never give food to the hungry or welcome the stranger or visit the sick or imprisoned, those who hoard or lay heavy burdens on others. Jesus announced new possibilities, and new ways of relating to one another. The Catholic Church's social justice teaching is rooted in the life of Jesus and in the prophetic tradition of denouncing and announcing. Beginning in 1891, with *Rerum Novarum*, the teaching church denounces the evils it sees in society in order to build a more just society.

Deacon Roger Schmith will facilitate these sessions. Deacon Roger is a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Joliet, ordained in 1983. In addition to his three years of diaconal studies, he holds a Master of Arts in Religious Studies, and certificates in liturgy and peace and social justice. He has served as Secretary of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, Community Affairs division, and as Legislative Advocacy Coordinator for the Diocese of Joliet.

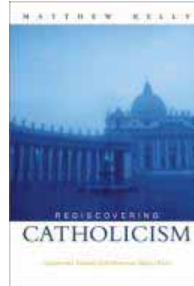
Contact the Faith Formation Office for reservations. 630-985-9255 x 130 OR stscholadulted@aol.com



Parish Faith Formation

Providing our Parish Family opportunities for education in our Catholic Faith to all ages, from birth to rebirth in eternal life.

The Parish is Reading.... *Rediscovering Catholicism* By Matthew Kelly



At a time when many Catholics are disillusioned, questioning their faith, and filled with doubts about the relevance of Catholicism in the modern world, the voice of one young man cries out with a clarity and inspiration to the world's largest faith community. Beginning with our common yearning for happiness, "Rediscovering Catholicism", takes us on an adventure of life-changing proportions by addressing some of the most important issues we face today both as individuals and as a Church.

Copies of the book will be given away at Easter through the generosity of a parishioner. If there are books left after Easter they will be again made available the weekend of May 7 and 8 to those who would like to be part of a discussion group. If all of the donated books have been given away on Easter, the books will be sold for \$20.

Thursday, June 9
Discussion of Chapters 1-10

Thursday, June 16
Discussion of Chapters 11-21

Reservations are not necessary but would be appreciated.

Contact the Faith Formation Office at 630-985-9255 x 130 or stscholadulted@aol.com

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As we reflect on the Easter Vigil experience, we are truly aware of the amazing love and compassion God extends to those who seek him out.

For additional information about our RCIA process, contact the Faith Formation office at 630-985-9255 x 130.



Body and Soul – How Jesus Avoided Burnout

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2011

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Scholastica Parish Center

Facilitators: Carie L. Johnstone, M.Ed, LCSW and Chris Hannigan-Wiehn M.A.P.S.

Donation: \$5.00

Format: Continental breakfast, presentations, and prayer.

Chris' focus: No matter what our present vocation might be, we can work ourselves to the point of "burnout". This program will explore from a spiritual view how Jesus who was driven to do so much, and yet limited by humanity coped with the potential for burnout. Scripture passages provide a wealth of opportunities to explore how Jesus rested and renewed his spirit.

Carie's focus: A key component to taking care of your entire well being is ensuring that your emotional and mental health is being taken care of too. This piece of you is such a significant one that if this area is not being addressed, it can lead not only to physical issues, but can effect the other aspects of your life including social, financial, and spiritual. This presentation will help you to identify, protect, and prevent burnout so you can continue to live an impactful life!

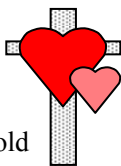


Vacation Bible School
June 20-24, 2011
9 am - 12 pm

Registration for children going in to grades 1-6 will begin April 1. Registration forms may be picked up at the Welcome Center in the church breezeway or from the RE Office.

Adults, college and high school students are invited to share their time and talent with this absolutely fun volunteer opportunity. We need individuals who know how to engage children in craft projects, lead children in song, organize a snack time, and co-direct children in skits. Volunteers 18 years old and up must have attended a Protecting God's Children training, and attend the in service meeting prior to June 20. Contact the Faith Formation office for additional information at 630-985-9255 x 130 or stscholadulsted@aol.com.

Little Hearts of St. Scholastica



Who: Children 0-3 years old with parents or caregivers.

What: Catholics who want to share their faith with young children through songs, prayers and bible stories.

Where: Parish Center

When: 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:30-1:15 pm, through June

Why: Why not . . . it is free.

Please contact Kristin Klis for more information at 630.567.7797 or kmddedpath@yahoo.com

Parish Faith Formation

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4th Grader Service Project-Stuffed Toys

Religious Education Volunteers Needed

Being a part of a child's faith formation is a ministry that is filled with blessings. The call to share your faith is a very important ministry in a parish. You would join a long line of faithful Christians that stretches across continents and time, originating with the first disciples in Galilee. Just as surely as Jesus called each of them he continues to call individuals to the ministry of catechesis.

To minister to our children in Religious Education it would be necessary to attend the Virtus Protecting God's Children session, submit to a back ground check, and attend RE in services. If you would like to get additional information about volunteering as a catechist or co-catechist, please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 630-985-9255 x 130.

These are the days and times of the class sessions that begin in September:

Session A - Tuesday, 4:15-5:30 pm

Session B - Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Session C - Saturday, 9-10:30 am



Last Supper Reenactment

Religious Education Statement of Catechetical Purpose

Children attending public schools and entering grades 1-8 need to be enrolled in Religious Education classes in order to complete the required formation and be adequately prepared for the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

We believe, as stated in the church document, *"To Teach as Jesus Did,"* that the purpose of our catechetical ministry is to proclaim authentically and fully the message of Jesus Christ, to foster an understanding of and build community in all areas of life, and to encourage service to each other for the good of all.

We believe that parents entrust their children to us to deepen the faith they have given them as parents.

We believe that without their cooperation, such as, attending Mass each weekend, celebrating other sacraments together, attending parent meetings, and reinforcing Christian values in their homes, we can do very little to help their children grow in their faith.

We believe that the goal of religious education through formation is to make us aware of the action of God in our lives, both within us and outside of us; that religious formation is faith brought to understanding.

Therefore, we will work with parents to awaken this awareness in their children and encourage them to gradually accept responsibility for their own Christian development, as they are able.

Registration for Religious Education classes will begin April 1. Registration forms will be available in the Welcome Center located in the breezeway of the church and also in the RE Office. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 630-985-9255 x 130 OR x 116 for additional information. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The Tuesday sessions tend to fill up quickly. Register early to be assured of the time that works best for your family.

S.T.O.R.M Youth Group

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The Youth Ministry Program here at St. Scholastica has been busy this winter and spring. S.T.O.R.M. stands for St. Scholastica Teens, One Radical Ministry. We have T-Shirts with our name and a logo available, so when we go to Diocesan and National events, people will identify us as a group. Call Jennifer if you would like to order one.

Jr. High & High School Ministry

- We had a ski trip to Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin in January. We participated with churches in our cluster.



Liturgy with the parents and family members of the STORM participants. Eighth Graders and their families are also invited to join us for the Mass at 7 pm.

- St. Scholastica is hosting our eighth DISCOVERY Retreat here at St. Scholastica the weekend of May 21-22 and it is open to 8th Graders and high school students who have not experienced one before. It will be held here at St. Scholastica in the Parish Center and it begins at 9 am on Saturday and ends at 6 pm on Sunday. The retreat is totally run by the high school Discovery Team and they serve as Directors, small group leaders, and witness speakers. Some college students will be cooking the meals. The participants will spend the weekend getting to know each other, the retreat team and God. It's a chance for you to "discover" something new about your life and your relationships. There will be witness talks, group activities, time for reflection, and free time to relax or hang out with friends. The theme of the Discovery Retreat is "Chosen and Precious in the Sight of God." The teens will learn how God wants to be part of their life and they will have the opportunity to build relationships in a Christian community. It is a chance for them to realize Christ's love for them. Anyone who has any questions or would like to learn more about this weekend can call or e-mail Jennifer or e-mail one of the teen directors, Sean Birth at shb12@sbcglobal.net, Stephanie Landrosh at sllandrosh@comcast.net, or Kelly Plazibat at k9star98@comcast.net. Permission forms are purple and need to be turned in as soon as possible and can be found with a tri-folded light blue brochure in the rack in the back of church.
- Seven college students will attend a Mission Trip at Nazareth Farm in West Virginia May 15-21. This is the seventh time we are having a College Mission Trip. Please pray for them.
- We have our final Teen Mass, which is also the Senior Graduation Liturgy, on Sunday, June 5th at the 8:00 am Mass. If any teens are interested in having a part as a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher or participating in our choir please call Jennifer as soon as possible. The Senior Breakfast will immediately follow the Mass in the gym. Invitations will be sent out to the families of all the senior members.
- Eighteen teens and six adults will leave for our Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp to Twin Cities, Minnesota on Sunday, June 12th. We will return on Saturday, June 18th. This Mission Trip will give the participants the opportunity to put our faith into practice through service to others. The typical day includes 8 hours of service work, daily Mass, time for

Winter and Spring High School Activities

- On December 20, 2011, we took 20 kids to Chicago for a Street Ministry Experience. We brought bag lunches to the homeless on Lower Wacker Drive. It was a cold day and many of the teens complained about the cold, but when you see the homeless people who are living outside, it really makes you appreciate all that you have. After giving the bag lunches to the homeless, we went shopping to Water Tower Place on North Michigan Avenue, and to look at the window decorations on State Street.
- On the weekend of February 18-20, 2011, Twenty-one kids and six adults went to the Retreat at Five Pines in Michigan. The theme was "No Greater Love: Relationships". Many of the teens gave witness talks about the relationships in their own lives and that led to small group discussions. The woods and the snow were a beautiful back drop for our discussions, and allowed the teens time to develop their relationship with God.
- We are in our ninth year of publication of the ThunderSTORM newsletter which we send out to all high school teens of the parish. It comes out every two months and is written by Youth Ministry participants. Eighth Graders should have received their first issue in April. If you are not receiving this and would like to, please contact Jennifer.

Upcoming Events

- On Sunday, May 1, 2011 we will have our final meeting of the year at 5:30 pm. This meeting will include a pizza party for current participants and at 7 pm, a Closing





prayer, cultural activities, and an inspirational evening program. We ask you to remember us in your prayers, and we thank you for your generous financial support. We will be having several fund-raisers for the trip. On the weekends of April 16/17 & April 30/May 1 we will be selling Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards. On the weekends of June 4/5 & June 11/12 we will be selling Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets. And on the weekend of August 6/7 we will be selling tickets to a car wash in the St. Scholastica upper parking lot on Sunday, August 14th. Teens that help with fundraisers get priority on the 2012 Mission Trip.

- The Diocesan Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) will take place on the weekend of June 24-26, 2011 at

Lewis University. The theme of the Conference is "Bread of Life, Covenant of Love" and it will help the teens to develop their leadership skills, and will allow them to meet 700 teens from throughout the Diocese of Joliet. This is open to Incoming freshmen through graduating seniors and permission slips are due Sunday, May 22. Something new this year to celebrate the culmination of the Year of the Eucharist is that parents will be invited to join us for the closing Mass at 1:45 pm on Sunday. Please remember to keep the participants in your prayers.

- There will also be a College Leadership Component running simultaneously with YLC. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in participating.
- In collaboration with YLC, the Diocese of Joliet is sponsoring a Jr. High Extreme Taste of Faith Conference on Sunday, June 26 from 10:45-3:00 at Lewis University. The same amazing speakers that will be at YLC will be speaking at this conference for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders. There will also be great activities and a t-shirt and lunch is included. It will end with Mass with the Bishop and parents are invited to join us for Mass. Join us for this great day!
- We are planning a trip to Great America on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. This trip will be open to those kids entering 6th, 7th and 8th Grade next year, plus all current high school students and incoming freshmen. Permission slips are due by Sunday, June 19.
- We are planning a trip for Incoming 6th Graders through High School Graduates to a Chicago White Sox game on Monday, August 1 with other churches in our cluster. Permission slips must be turned in by May 1, so I can order tickets. Permission slips are available on the rack in the back of church.
- Five teens and two adults will leave for World Youth Day (WYD) in Madrid, Spain on Wednesday, August 10th. We will return on Wednesday, August 24th. WYD is an international gathering of Catholic youth from throughout the world gathering in prayer with the pope. It also includes Catechetical sessions and service projects. It happens every three years and this is the fourth time our parish is participating. We also ask you to remember us in your prayers, and thank you for your financial support.
- We will have a picnic at Echo Point Park on Sunday, August 28, 2011. All high school students, and incoming freshmen are invited to attend. Additional information will appear in the bulletin, and information will be mailed out.
- Our Sign Up Weekend will be the weekend of September 10/11 and our first meeting of the year will be the "70 foot banana split" on Sunday, September 18th. Please plan to join us!

We are in the process of planning several other activities and information will appear in the bulletin and in the summer mailing that we will send out. If anyone would like any additional information about any of the activities of S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry, please call Jennifer Olson at 985-2351x138.

NEED HELP?

STORM Youth Ministry is continuing a fundraiser to raise money for our Youth Ministry Mission Trips this summer. Participants are available to do odd jobs for a donation to our trips. This could include raking leaves, landscaping work, mowing the lawn, painting or shoveling snow. It could be a one time work project or ongoing. If you can give us at least one week notice that would be appreciated, or if it is ongoing, try to set it up ahead of time. All donations are then made payable to the St. Scholastica STORM Youth Ministry. Please contact Jennifer at stscholasticaym@aol.com or 630-885-6439 to set up work projects.

Appoint Pastor For St. Scholastica Parish

The Rev. John Kloepfer has been appointed pastor of the newly established parish of St. Scholastica, Woodridge.

Father Kloepfer was born in Evanston and educated in the schools of Joliet - St.

Patrick's grammar school, Joliet Catholic High school, and Joliet Junior College. It was 1943 when he entered the U. S. Air Force and was assigned as a radar-navigator. He flew 31 missions in his two years in the Air Force and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.

After the war, Father Kloepfer attended the University of Michigan and St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa where he received a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

In 1949 he entered the Theological college of the Catholic University of America and also did graduate work in sociology there until 1953. He was then ordained by Bishop McNamara and assigned as assistant to St. Patrick's parish, Joliet. In 1958 he was assigned chaplain at the Illinois State Diagnostic Center in Joliet. In February of this year he was appointed assistant to St. Jude parish, Joliet.

Other duties have included part-time worker for Catholic Charities and Home Bureau, and until this week, director of the Peter Claver Center in Joliet.



Rev. John Kloepfer

A Busy Year for St. Scholastica School

Gail Kueper, Principal

The faculty, staff and students at St. Scholastica School were very busy this school year! It is always exciting to observe our students grow spiritually, academically and socially throughout the year.

The kindergarten students were eager to meet their 5th grade big sisters or big brothers. These older students are always kind and caring to our kindergartners. They periodically read to the children or encourage them to creatively complete an art project. They bring the children to some special Friday masses, and they model to them how to be prayerful and respectful in church. They enjoy learning about Jesus. Our kindergartners have grown so much over the past months, and they are looking forward to their *Q & U Wedding* and kindergarten graduation!

Our first graders have truly flourished! They enjoy learning about and recognizing the beauty of God's love through all that He made. They celebrated *Native American Day* with the second graders, and their reading and math skills have truly progressed! They enjoy a mystery reader that visits their class weekly, and they guess who the mystery guest really is! The first graders enjoy their full day of school, and they are excited to plan their first all-school mass in January.

Second grade is a very exciting year. They realize that we belong to God's family, the Church. They also participate in the *Living Rosary* in October with the 8th graders. The second graders prepare for 1st Reconciliation in February, and of course, they are very excited about receiving the Eucharist for the first time in May. They enjoy their field trip to the Brookfield Zoo with their first grade friends, and they end the year participating in the May Crowning with their 8th grade students!

The third grade class always looks forward to the month of October. During this month they read the novel

Sara Plain and Tall and they go back in time to the pioneer days. They go to Naper Settlement for a field trip, and they participate in a Pioneer Day at school. They dress like pioneer children, dance, bake, participate in arts and crafts and play special children's games from pioneer times. Third graders also grow in their faith as they understand that Jesus died to give us new life.

Our fourth grade students are now out of the primary grades! They work on many projects during the year, and a major project is their State project. Students research main facts about one state and parade around the school with a diorama of the state researched. Fourth graders can tell you the capital of any state in our United States! They also recognize Jesus in the Gospel and how Jesus' life applies to their lives. During Lent, they participate in a dramatization of *The Proud Tree* that is about the crucifixion of Jesus using the perspective of the tree that was used for the cross of Jesus.

The fifth graders are the leaders of the younger children! We enjoy watching them grow throughout the years! November is their month! The fifth graders look forward to their outdoor education trip at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva. The fifth graders learn team-building skills, and they do many creative activities. After two days, we notice our fifth graders being more patient and tolerant. They use problem solving in many situations. The students are also learning to identify Jesus' life and teachings as portrayed in the Sacred Scripture. They truly model their faith to others.

Our sixth graders are excited to begin the school year, because they are now a part of the middle school! They have several teachers, and they learn how to build good study skills. Sixth grade students look forward to learning about ancient times in Greece, Rome, India, China and Egypt. In May, they enjoy a Middle Eastern Feast as they sit under a tent dressed in mid-eastern garb. They also begin to know the life of Jesus through the Church year, and recognize the many traditions and

devotions of our faith.

The seventh graders begin the year being introduced to the world of science. They begin to prepare for their Science Fair held in January. They learn how to develop a research paper, and they begin with a field trip to the library to get sources for their science project. The seventh graders learn the scientific method and complete a project. Sixteen students go on to the Regional Science Fair, and the majority goes to the State Science Fair. We are proud that several of our students receive outstanding awards at the State Science Fair! Our 7th graders identify the value expressed in the Gospel Stories and relate how they would apply this value to their lives.

Finally, our 8th graders believe that this is the best year of all. Students learn about the holocaust and read *Romeo and Juliet*. They do many power point presentations throughout the year and they learn about the History of the Catholic Church in religion class. They look forward to so many events: The Living Rosary, a Christmas production, a trip to Medieval Times, class trip to Chicago, Ribbon Ceremony, May Crowning, awards banquet and dance, and of course, graduation! They leave St. Scholastica School with many memories, more than can be written in this article!

As noted, our school is very busy! We work hard to give our students a well-rounded education. The students also participate in technology classes, physical education classes, music classes and art classes. The middle school enjoys participating in a musical production directed by Father Riva. They enjoy many athletic opportunities and our school band is exceptional! Please pass on all the wonderful things happening at St. Scholastica School and let your neighbors and friends know about our outstanding curriculum. We are now in the process of enrolling new students. We have openings in most grade levels. Please contact Principal Gail Kueper at (630) 985-2515 for a tour and enrollment information.

Parents' Club Update

Carla Denison-Bickett

The St. Scholastica Parents Club has two main goals – 1) We provide financial and physical support for the academic, spiritual, cultural, and athletic programs as well as support the school teachers and staff and 2) We sponsor social programs to create and build the spirit of community among parent, students, staff, and clergy.

The following are highlights of the accomplishments over the last six months:

The Parent's Club hosted various events to raise funds and build community for St. Scholastica.

- ☞ Bunco
- ☞ Twilight Golf
- ☞ Halloween Family Bowling
- ☞ Winter Fest Fun Fair
- ☞ Wrapping paper sale
- ☞ Music Cultural Assembly

Upcoming events/fundraisers:

- Shopping 4 Students @ the Promenade in Bolingbrook – Our school is one of twenty participating in a program to win a portion of \$10,000 in Promenade Gift Cards for the school and we need your assistance. Anytime you shop at the Promenade stores (any merchant, restaurant, cart purchase or the new movie theater, St. Scholastica School can earn points toward our goal. All you need to do is take the receipt(s) to Guest Services, to be logged or sent to school. You can also put your receipts in the box in the Narthex and we will get them logged. Most stores in the Promenade will give you a duplicate receipt, upon request. This

promotion runs from 10/1/10 – 4/30/11. We appreciate any support you can give us.

- Bunco -The next Bunco will be held on Friday, April 29 at 6pm in the Parish Activity Center. The cost is \$25 in advance (before Apr 26) and \$30 at the door and includes drinks and appetizers. Whether you are a seasoned player or trying for the first time, come a join us for a fun night to help raise funds for the school
- Barnes & Noble's Art Palozza – On April 7th, the Parents Club and Barnes & Noble will host an Art Fair at the Barnes & Noble store in the Promenade Mall. Artwork created by the students of St. Scholastica will be displayed and a portion of the sales from the event are given to St. Scholastica. Please plan to stop by and see the amazing work of our students!
- Walk for Technology - On May 11th, the Parent's Club is hosting a Technology Walk-a-thon at St. Scholastica School. The students are working to find sponsors to raise funds to build the school technology program. If you are interested in making a donation to this event, please see a St. Scholastica Student or contact the School Office.
- Crusader Classic Golf Outing - This year's Crusader Classic Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 13 at Village Greens Golf Course. Registration is now open and sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Ken Benson at 773-259-7965 for further information.

As always, we greatly appreciate all the support the parish gives the school and look forward to seeing you at events!



HOW DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEB SITE?

www.stscholasticaparish.org

- Complete the Parish Survey
- Read the bulletin online
- Look up staff contact information
- Look up liturgical ministry schedules
- Get help with sacramental planning
- Learn about upcoming Parish events
- Check out the calendar
- Learn about Parish history
- Download Manna forms and learn about other school fundraisers
- Register online



Don't forget Market Day! Order forms will be stuffed into bulletins monthly. Mark your calendars now with these Saturday pick-up dates:

April 16, 2011
 May 21, 2011
 June 18, 2011
 July 16, 2011
 August 20, 2011

Market Day pick-up takes place in the Activity Center from 8:30-9:30 am. This is an easy way to support the school!!!

Manna is available after all the Masses throughout the year!!!



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St. Scholastica Financial Statements for the Seven (7) Months January 31, 2011

Income Statement							Balance Sheet		
Revenue	Church	Grade School	Religious Education	Restricted	Total Parish 1/11	Total Parish 1/10	Assets	January, 2011	January, 2010
Sunday Collections	707,850				707,850	708,000	Current Assets		
Christmas & Easter	64,679				64,679	59,615	Cash	\$159,030.35	\$150,208.40
Tuition and Fees		555,617	45,130		600,747	608,389	Savings	108,280.00	148,280.00
Fundraisers	117	83,496	300		83,913	87,831	Inventory-Manna	37,779.07	69,514.97
Other Operating	23,435	18,444	100		41,979	56,590	Total Cash	\$305,089.42	\$368,003.37
Total Operating Income	796,080	657,557	45,530	-	1,499,167	1,520,425	Restricted Assets—School Endowment	\$466,606.32	\$356,662.84
Restricted Revenue-Debt Reduction				15,911	15,911	11,751	Total Assets	\$771,695.74	\$724,666.21
Restricted Revenue-Other				499	499	11,054	Liabilities		
Total Restricted Revenue	-	-	-	16,410	16,410	22,805	Current Liabilities		
Total Revenue	796,080	657,557	45,530	16,410	1,515,577	1,543,230	Misc Bills	\$ 42,973.52	\$35,602.12
Expenses							Payroll & Taxes		
Salaries	166,623	384,298	62,015		612,936	594,306	Special Collections	3,787.44	5,613.20
Fringe Benefits	76,122	141,384	28,950		246,456	229,063	Current Portion of Long Term Debt	91,922.00	87,448.00
Repairs & Maintenance	72,807	53,450	21,002		147,259	146,583	Total Current Liabilities	\$138,682.96	\$128,663.32
Services/Professional Development	2,648	3,166	1,414		7,227	6,191	Long Term Liabilities		
Materials & Supplies	46,374	23,468	29,381		99,224	124,689	Construction Loan	\$1,591,564.03	\$1,708,613.77
Insurance	10,977	10,000	6,992		27,969	27,023	Less Current Portion	(91,922.00)	(87,448.00)
Utilities	23,183	23,397	4,730		51,310	53,487	Long Term Construction Loan	1,499,642.03	1,621,165.77
Other Expenses	23,115	27,632			50,747	52,368	Total Long Term Liabilities	\$1,499,642.03	\$1,621,165.77
Diocesan Assessment	36,099				36,099	39,620	Total Liabilities	\$1,638,324.99	\$1,749,829.09
Total Operating Expenses	457,948	666,794	154,484	-	1,279,225	1,273,331	Fund Balance	\$(866,629.25)	\$(1,025,162.88)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Operating Expenses	338,132	(9,237)	(108,954)	16,410	236,352	269,899	Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	\$ 771,695.74	\$724,666.21
Income-Gain/(Loss) on Restricted Invest		48,471				62,759			
Expenses—Capital, Restricted, Debit									
Capital Expenditures	61,880	829			62,709	12,841			
Restricted Expenses									
Debt Payment-Principle	51,405			15,911	67,316	58,732			
Debt Payment-Interest	46,168				46,168	56,952			
Total Capital, Restricted, Debit	159,453	829	-	15,911	176,193	128,525			
Total Other Income and Expense	(159,453)	47,642	-	(15,911)	(127,722)	(65,766)			
Excess of Total Expenses over Total Revenues	178,679	38,405	(108,654)	499	108,630	204,134			

**Your Administration Commission
Representatives are:**

Fr. Riva & Lianda Valentine (staff representatives); Carla Bickett (School Board Representative); and at-large members Steve Ryan, James Scola, Corrine Ganiec, Gina Picek and Cathy Mehl

The Administration Commission meets on the last Monday of the month

**St. Scholastica Parish
Family Picnic
Sunday, September 11, 2011**



Save the Date!!

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