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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Immaculate Conception Parish strives to make the Catholic Christian life available to the people of God within the parish by opening up the rich heritage of the teachings of Jesus Christ, thus enabling them to experience more fully the presence of God in their lives and the peace, love and the joy of following him.

CLUSTER MISSION STATEMENT:

WE, the members of **Immaculate Conception Parish of Menville** and **St. Michael Parish of Kingsley**, being clustered in the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, **ARE** a Catholic Christian people, living the Paschal Mystery, united in creed, worship, and love for each other.

Our Mission is:

...to worship and praise our God. ...to educate and promote spiritual growth of our people of all ages. ...to serve each other within the Church, helping all members grow in their relationship with God and with one another. ...to live the Gospel through a ministry of hospitality with all our sisters and brothers in the global community.



Summer-time is County Fair Time. The Woodbury County fair is August 5-9 with our fair stand being open August 3-9. Your presence to assist with the biggest fundraiser of the year is greatly appreciated. I hope to see you at our fair stand.

As the fiscal year of all parishes in the Diocese run from July 1 to June 30, the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year [which ended 30 June 2009] and Stewardship Report for each parish will be provided to parishioners after August 12. Parishioners are reminded that the weekly financial report in the bulletin is only a one week 'snap shot' of income and expenses for seven days and does not show the complete picture. Anyone interested in seeing the complete picture is asked to contact the parish office, 873-3644. Thank you for your participation in the parish.

In about the late 1970s our Church began introducing Youth Ministry. But few of our parishes offer such programming to our youth. I have found in most of the parishes I have served there has been limited or no opportunities for our youth other than the programs offered by the Diocese of Sioux City (i.e. Youth Rally, Discover, Search). While, on the other hand, many of our Protestant brothers and sisters have well developed programs to engage and enhance the lives of their teens. My question based on this is, other church communities have Youth Ministry and our Church recommends Youth Ministry, **why can we not have Youth Ministry here?**

We would like to introduce Youth Ministry that offers activities the provide Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Justice and Service, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, and Prayer/Worship for our teens. Such activities would provide expanded involvement of all our teens, including those who have been confirmed above and beyond the Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes. I would like to see our confirmed teens to take leadership role in our Youth Ministry program with the help and support of parents.

Check out all the latest events in the pages that follow. Many wonderful things are taking place in the parish as we build God's Kingdom! Thank you for visiting our website for the latest news and updates.

Again, I offer a huge thanks to all of our parishioners who serve in leadership positions, who volunteer with a cheerful heart, and who are present and supportive of our parish.

Fr Mark

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BAPTISM CLASS for all parents wishing to baptize their children will be held **Thursday 3 September 2009, 7:00 p.m.** in the Immaculate Conception Church library. Please call the office to register. This class should be completed before the child is born and a baptism date is selected.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY is held every Thursday evening from 6:30 –7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

RCIA—is the process by which the Catholic Church prepares and welcomes new members who are over the age of seven and who have either not been baptized or have been baptized in other faith communities and who which to join the Catholic Church. This process includes learning sessions and prayer with the catechumens (those who have not been baptized) and with the candidates (those who have been baptized). If you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please ask them to contact the parish office or notify the parish office so they may be invited.



CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY will resume on Wednesday September 2 at 9:00 a.m. We will be studying the Gospel of John. You will find a registration form later in the newsletter.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION—It is hard to believe that summer is just about over and the start of school is just around the corner. Now that we are starting to get ready for school, remember to register your children for Faith Formation as well. Registration forms were sent home at the end of April and can be returned to the office at any time. You may also drop them in the collection when you go to Mass. If you misplaced your form, contact the office at 873-3644 or icmovilledff@netins.net and a new one will be sent out. If you have a Kindergarten student or are new to the parish and did not receive a form, please contact the office.

CATECHISTS/AIDES/OFFICE HELP NEEDED—We are in need of help for this fall. We need **2nd grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade and 8th grade** Catechists. We will also need aides for the afternoon and evening classes as well as someone to help in the office. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these positions.

CICC—CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REMINDER—**Sponsor report, Saint report, and Interview #1 Must Be Completed by August 31.** Remember that you and your parents made a commitment on September 28 to the Confirmation Program. **All service hours completed from August 2008—July 2009 will not be accepted after August 31.** Don't forget your summer assignments. The summer assignment and all forms for reporting saints, sponsors and service hours are available on the parish website on the CICC link. May the Holy Spirit be with you!

LITURGICAL NOTES

ADORATION/BENEDICTION will not be held in August due to the fair [August 7] and wedding rehearsal [August 7] and the Holy Day [August 14/15].

HOLY DAY: Assumption of Mary, August 15. This is a Holy Day but, as it falls on a Saturday this year, is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Yet, everyone is invited to join us for the celebration of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven on August 14, 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael-Kingsley and August 15, 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception-Moville.

MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met July 21 to review the work of the Liturgy Team, Faith Formation Team, Parish Life Team, Buildings/Grounds Team, and the Guild. Their next meeting is September 15.

THE PARISH LIFE TEAM met July 15 to review projects including Trivia Night, Project Moses, and the Parish Fair Stand. Their next meeting will be October 6. New members are always welcome!

CLUSTER FINANCE will meet again August 12 to review the completed 2009 Fiscal Year before the official report is given to the bishop. Thank you for your continued financial support to your parish.

GUILD NEWS: Thank you to the July/August Circle for all your hard work.

PieceMakers meet Thursdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. to make quilts and other projects for those in need. All are welcome to attend—sewing skills not required. Help is always needed to tie quilts, thread needles, etc.

MARRIAGE SPONSOR COUPLES are husband/wife teams who assist the pastor in preparing couples for marriage in cooperation with the preparation the pastor provides. Training for new Sponsor Couples is offered by the Diocese at various times during the year. If you would like to help with this important sacramental ministry please contact Fr. Mark for information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Many couples say that an NFP lifestyle deepens their faith in God. "(NFP) involved us with the Truth ... We experienced ... *the* conversion point in our lives." "NFP is putting ourselves in God's hands, totally allowing Him to work spiritually in our lives." With so many rewards for those who persevere with NFP it would be surprising if there were not also challenges. As one husband says: "The reality is that NFP is challenging (But) it is clear to me that working together through the tough times strengthens and enriches our marriage." And as another spouse says: "The value I experience in NFP is in the long run It forces you to place your immediate choices in the context of spouse, children, family and Creator."

Classes are offered at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. For more information about NFP and NFP classes, contact the parish office or visit <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/>

NATIONAL/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS for 2009 collections will take place:

- October 17-18** World Mission Sunday
- November 21-22** Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)
- December 12-13** Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City
- December 25** Catholic Charities

NEW PARISHIONERS: Charles & Diane Ashley and Doug & Carolyn Glackin and family.

A NEW COFFEE BREWER has been installed in the church kitchen and will be used at the Fair Stand. It works like the home coffee brewers: just add 3/4 cup of coffee grounds or one premeasured packet in a filter in the funnel, add water in the top, and four minutes later 12 cups of fresh coffee is ready. Decanters for regular and decaf coffee are available along with three hot pads to keep the coffee hot. For cleanup, just rinse the funnel and decanter in clean water [no soap]. Instructions can be found by the brewer.

PARISH FAIR STAND PREP UPDATE: The Parish Life Team's Fair Stand Subcommittee met June 30 and July 28 to discuss tasks that need to be completed for this year's parish fair food stand. Since then supplies are being ordered and the work schedule has been finalized. Important dates when volunteers are needed are:

+Saturday August 1, 8:00 a.m.-? Final Fair Stand cleanup and preparation at the Fair Stand

+Sunday August 2, 10:00 a.m.-? Hamburger browning/preparation in the church kitchen

+Sunday August 2, 10:00 a.m.-? Final Fair Stand set up.

THE PARISH FAIR STAND OPENS MONDAY AUGUST 3. Please be sure to be on-time for your scheduled shift. **EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WOODBURY COUNTY FAIR STAND HOURS:

Monday	August 3	10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 4	9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 5	6:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 6	6:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday	August 7	6:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 8	6:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday	August 9	6:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Featuring breakfast [pancakes, eggs, sausage, egg sandwiches, biscuits and gravy, donuts, cinnamon rolls], taverns, polish dogs, shakes, chips, pickles, pie, root beer floats, and beverages [coffee, orange juice, milk, Gatorade, pop, lemonade, iced tea] and other items.

PARISH MOVIE: Sunday August 16 at 2:00 p.m.—*Love's Enduring Promise* is an adaptation of a series of novels written by Janette Oke. The film stars Katherine Heigl and Dale Midkiff as a pioneer couple who began their relationship out of necessity but see it develop into true love. They must struggle against the elements to keep their farm solvent. His daughter, Missie (January Jones), is a 19-year-old schoolteacher who has two different young men -- Grant Thomas (Mackenzie Astin), a hard-working young man who works for the railroad, and Nate (Logan Bartholomew), a mysterious man who helps out at the family farm -- vying for her affections. A secret from Missie's father's past comes back to haunt the family. The film was directed by Michael Landon Jr. This made for TV movie is not rated but is like *Little House on the Prairie*.

PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE MOVED AND/OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PARISH: None

GROTTO TOUR, that was cancelled March 29 due to a broken fan belt on the bus, has been rescheduled for September 20. Re-registration will take place in September. Cost is \$15 per person or \$45 per family. Those who registered in March are invited to re-register at no cost. This trip is sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Parish Life Team and is open to everyone.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jerry Barthole, Florence Becker, Sylvia Beelner, Debbie Bremer, Judy Montang Carr, Donna Clark, Denis & Virginia Connelly, Mary Drevs, Mary Feeney, Bernice Guthridge, Catherine Hamman, Doug Henrich, Frank Juarez, Walt Kabisch, Wes Keller, Millie Kisting, George McGarry, Lyle Morgan, Dale Murray, Theresa Myres, Brad Navrkal, Dorothy O'Keefe, Joe Parks, Nina Peters, Bill Pigott, Jason Pigott, June Pigott, Secret Plendl, Rick Rolling, Thomas Ryan, Ruth Schleis, Phyllis Schmidt, Rosemary Sitzmann, Marcella Thomas, Bernice Timmins, Brad Timmins family, Katie Verschoor, Jaycie and Kennedy Vondrak, Geraldine Weinreich, and Lucile Warner; and the men and women serving in the military especially in Afghanistan and Iraq.

PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR: Herthel C. Lloyd, sister-in-law of Bernard (Grayce) Uhl, who died July 1; **Dorothy Schieuer,** mother of Sheryl (Loren) Koch, grandmother of Kerri (Gabe) Weaver and sister-in-law of Ken (Loretta) Schieuer, who died July 12; **Charles Barcelou,** father of Ray (Mary) Barcelou and grandfather of Sutton & Jillian, who died July 16 and **Lucille Uhl,** mother of Francis (Sharry) Uhl, who died July 22.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to Jamie & Emily (Nash) Lloyd who were married here July 11, 2009.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

June 19, 2009—June 19, 2010

WHO IS A PRIEST? By Victoria M. Thorn

A priest is a man, clothed in tenderness, who speaks of God's mercy, who prophetically pronounces the truth, unpleasant though it might be and who reflects God's love to a hurting world. Sometimes he is shoring up souls and sometimes he is breaking up concrete. He's comforting the grieving and challenging the young. He's soothing the dying and blessing the newborn.

In the 25 years since I founded Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Church, I have witnessed firsthand the gift that priests are to the world. I have seen the heart of the priest repeatedly. It is generous, compassionate, willing to sacrifice for others.

At the inception of Project Rachel, when some thought post-abortion ministry was a hare-brained idea, the priests here in Milwaukee supported it as did my bishop. As I was planning the training, one priest told me not to be disappointed because he didn't think any priests were going to come, but 60 priests came and generously embraced this new ministry of mercy. And 25 years later, those priests are still involved in the work. If there is anything I need, they are immediately willing to help.

Across the country many priests actively keep me and the ministry in prayer, recognizing that prayer is powerful and protective.

Several times I have received calls on our referral line from

elderly women somewhere in the U.S. looking to reconcile an abortion loss from 40 or 50 years ago. They have said to me “I can’t ask my children to take me to confession because they will say “Ma, you are old. What could you possibly need to confess?” And in every case, I was able to find a priest who would make a house call to ease the fears of an old woman preparing to die.

A priest who was preparing to leave the priesthood received a Project Rachel call the night before submitting his resignation to the bishop. But as he spoke with the woman, he knew he couldn’t leave the priesthood until he had seen this process through with her. When he finished it, he tore up the letter because, he said, he had rediscovered the meaning of his priesthood in this sacramental encounter that set the woman free.

A delayed vocation seminarian I met through a God appointment asked me what the most difficult part of my ministry was and I responded “raising money.” This former businessman supported my ministry for several years while divesting himself of his earthly riches before ordination. How many lives were touched because of his incredible generosity?

It was the pastoral awareness of the bishops of this country, who, as confessors, recognized the pain of women who had had abortions, and called for a ministry of post-abortion healing in the first Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, issued shortly after abortion became the law of the land. And it is this pastoral heart that motivated bishops to personally call me after the founding of the ministry to ask how they could make it happen in their diocese.

A woman who had been convinced by her doctor to abort a child with severe anomalies called me after the hospital had released her dead baby to her, as she and her husband were grieving profoundly over this loss. The hospital had referred her to a chaplain, but he had been of little use, refusing to help them bury their child. I called an experienced Project Rachel priest and explained the circumstances to him. He was a canon lawyer with years of post-abortion experience. He went to the family, held them as they wept, gave their child a proper burial and soothed the wounds left by the insensitive chaplain, keeping them in the Church. She called to tell me what a gift he had been to them as he came into my office to thank me for the opportunity to minister to them.

A woman will often call after speaking to a priest she has been referred to, to tell me of her profound experience of God’s love and mercy brought to her through the priest. She will say “Please tell the priests how grateful we are to them for what they have said and been ... the mercy and love of God made manifest, the wisdom of the Spirit speaking to our souls, indeed Father was Jesus with skin for me! Alter Christus made manifest!”

To the many Project Rachel priests in the this country and to the multitudes of confessors who soothe a woman’s terror, confront her despair, set her free of her sin and bring her home to the Lord and her lost children: Thank you from the depths of my heart. Without you, this ministry of Project Rachel would not exist! And on behalf of the multitudes of people who have touched: THANK YOU! You change the world, one heart and soul at a time.

Submitted by Vicki Thorn, the founder of Project Rachel Post-Abortion Ministry. She is also the founder and ongoing director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing based in Milwaukee. Mrs. Thorn is an internationally renowned author and speaker on healing and reconciliation in the aftermath of abortion.

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A TIME FOR PARTRIDGE

By Woodeene Koenig-Bricker

We spend a lot of our time as Catholics thinking about penance, repentance, and reparation for our sins. Now don’t get me wrong. That’s a good thing.

But as Teresa of Avila famously said when someone found her relishing a dinner of succulent roast partridge: “There is a time for penance and time for partridges.”

Now is the time for partridge.

These hot summer days and long summer nights are a time to rejoice in the world the Lord has given us. Everywhere we look are flowers, fields and fragrance. It would almost be an insult to the Creator to reject such bounty in order to turn this season of plenty into some pale shade of pseudo-Lent. So I’m going to propose something radical. This month make a point to celebrate with thanks something each and every day. Start by keeping a Gratitude Journal. Every night before you go to sleep, list at least five things that have brought you joy that day. If you are having trouble thinking of five, then think of ten instead! No, I’m not being flippant. The more things you think of to be thankful, the more you will discover in your life.

I’d like to share a little story with you. A friend and I made a pact to call each other once a day and report the blessings and abundance that God had given us. Sometimes it would be as small as finding a quarter on the sidewalk, or as major as getting an unexpected inheritance. For about six months we were faithful. Not a single day passed without our having something wonderful to report.

Then, because we are daughters of Eve, we began to slack off. A few days would go by and then a few more. Finally we were no longer reporting our blessings to each other. One day I got up and realized that it was as if someone had turned off the faucet. The daily blessings that I had almost come to expect seemed to have vanished. I called my friend and discovered she had had the same experience. So once again we committed to telling us other our daily graces. And once again, we both began to experience God’s limitless generosity. For instance, today I got \$45.00 worth of groceries for \$5.00 because of various promotions and rebates. And I’m not even a coupon collector! It just happened at the checkout without my planning it.

Now I don’t know if the blessings actually stopped or it was

just that we stopped paying attention to them, but I know that something changed when I stopped focusing on the blessings in my life and began to concentrate on the lack. It truly seems the less I gave thanks, the less I had to give thanks for.

So I challenge you this month, when our workloads may be a little lighter and we are all in a summer sort of mind, to celebrate the good God gives to each of us. For 31 days, look for blessings wherever you find them. Keep track of them so that when your faith wavers you can come back and look at this month and see what the Lord has done for you.

I don't know about you, but I'd rather live knowing that even if all have penance in our life, we also all have partridges as well.

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BENEFITS OF BEING A BELIEVER: HOW OUR FAITH SUSTAINS US

By Joseph D. White, Ph.D.

Did you know that believing in God is actually good for your health and well-being? It's true. Recent studies show that there are benefits to being a believer. A solid religious faith strengthens family ties, helps to build closer couple relationships, even helps to forge strong community connections. In good times our faith reminds us that we were created in God's image for the purpose of love; in tough times our faith is a foundation that grounds our very reason for being. Being a believer is good for more than just our souls!

Faith provides values for moral decision making. The values instilled by our faith support rules given by parents to young children and guide teens who may be striving to gain autonomy. The Church's basic moral teachings help us to understand and clarify right and wrong. Our faith also teaches that God loves us unconditionally and grants us forgiveness for our mistakes and missteps along the way.

Faith is an important source of social support. Several psychological studies have shown that people with active faith lives are emotionally healthier than those without faith. One reason is the support we gain from being part of a larger faith community. When we are actively involved with our Christian family, we know that we are never alone. Social support is an important buffer against the stresses of everyday life, and can sustain us at crisis points, when we feel overwhelmed by difficult situations.

Faith sustains family life and relationships. Couples who integrate faith and family life have healthier relationships. One recent study showed that an integration of religion and marriage "were consistently associated with greater marital adjustment, more perceived benefits from marriage, decreased marital conflict and more verbal collaboration ... for both wives and husbands." In addition, the rituals we practice as a family become both important spiritual milestones and shared family experiences, which promote family identity and cohesiveness.

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR FAITH GOING STRONG

- 1. Attend Mass as a family:** Making Mass a regular part of your family's week helps to reinforce the message that God loves us through all seasons.
- 2. Pray together:** Use both traditional Catholic prayers and spontaneous prayer.
- 3. Make sacred space in your home:** Signs of your faith throughout the house remind you (and your guests) of what you believe and why. A crucifix, icon or statue of a favorite saint in each of the kid's bedrooms, for example, can help to teach the faith and create a feeling of safety and security.
- 4. Practice acts of charity:** Visit elderly people in a long-term care facility, volunteer at a food shelf, or cook a meal for a family in your community who is struggling with a job loss.
- 5. Celebrate the family meal:** At the center of our Catholic faith is a family meal (the Eucharist). Try to sit down to dinner together as often as possible, and especially on Sundays. Talk, tell stories and pray together while you eat — this is what Jesus did, and what we do every time we celebrate Mass.

ANSWER GOD'S CALL BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER

Name: _____

I would like to serve:

Altar Server	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Communion Minister	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Usher	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Gift Bearer	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Cantor	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Reader	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Organist	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.
Musician	6:30 pm Sat.	8:00 am Sun.

Instrument _____

(Please Circle the time(s) you would be available to serve)

CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY REGISTRATION The Gospel of John

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

**Drop in the collection basket
or at the office**

**Scripture study starts
Sept. 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**

SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 1, 8:00 a.m.-?: Final Fair Stand cleanup [M]
- August 1, 2:30 p.m.: Wedding [M]
- August 2, 10:00 a.m.-?: Hamburger browning/preparation [M]
- August 2, 10:00 a.m.-?: Final Fair Stand set up [M]
- August 3-9: Woodbury County Fair ICC Food Stand [M]
- August 8, 2:30 p.m.: Wedding [K]
- August 9, 7:00 a.m.: Mass at Fair Grounds [M]
- August 12, 7:00 p.m.: Cluster Finance Council [M]
- August 18, 7:00 p.m.: St. Michael Parish Council [K]
- August 19, 7:00 p.m.: Cluster Liturgy Meeting [K]
- August 22-23: Missionary visit
- August 25, 7:00 p.m.: M/K Catholic Community Meeting [M]
- September 1, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Buildings/Grounds Team meeting [M]
- September 3, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism Class [M]

PARISH INFORMATION

Eucharist: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.—K; 6:30 P.M.—M
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m.—M; 10:00 a.m.—K;
 Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—K
 Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m.—M
Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00-4:15 p.m.—K, Sunday: 7:30-7:45 a.m.—M.; other times by appointment
Morning Prayer: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m.—M
 Wed., Fri. 8:00 a.m.—K
Baptism: scheduled after completion of Baptism Class held quarterly (March, June, September, December)
Confirmation: high school sophomores/juniors every other year. Next Confirmation: Spring 2010
First Reconciliation/Eucharist: second grade students-Winter/Spring.
Marriage: scheduled after six month preparation period with the pastor.
Anointing of the Sick: by appointment; last Sunday of October during Sunday Masses

K = Kingsley/M = Merville

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Immaculate Conception Parish Corporate Board of Directors:

President Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless,
 Bishop of Sioux City
 Vice-President Rev. Msgr. R. Mark Duchaine, Vicar General
 Treasurer Rev. Mark J. Stoll, pastor
 Lay Directors Terry Masching, Matthew Putze

Parish Pastoral Council: Fr. Mark J. Stoll (pastor), Joyce Kizzier (Director of Faith Formation/Faith Formation Team), Terry Masching (Lay Director), Matt Putze (Lay Director/Buildings/Grounds Team), Amanda Eiler (Liturgy Team), Eric Ricke (Finance Council), Eve Sanford (Guild), Chuck Hoelker (Knights of Columbus), Kathy Myres (Parish Life Team)

Guild: Eve Sanford (Pres.), Vacant (Vice-Pres.), Vacant (Sec.), Beth Harder (Treas.)

Thank you for remembering the Parish in your Estate Planning!

PARISH RENTAL POLICY: Persons wishing to rent out the parish hall for non-parish functions (i.e. meetings, showers, dinners, etc.), including gatherings by the family before and/or after a Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, wedding, wedding anniversary, or other events when a sacramental celebration is also held at the parish need to call the parish office to check on availability and make arrangements. Signing a Hall Rental Agreement and fees are due before using the hall.

NEW PARISHIONERS should contact the parish office to register in the parish. We are happy to have you as a member of the parish!

ALL PARISHIONERS are asked to contact the parish office if you have a change in address, school, parish, marital status, etc. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday— Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon, 12:30-4:00 p.m.
 Other times by appointment

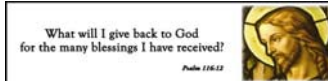
PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the pastor to begin the process known as RCIA at anytime of the year.

MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS are to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations can be completed in time for the wedding and marriage.

**Remember, a wedding is just a day,
 a marriage is a LIFETIME!**

Those discerning God’s call to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, may speak with the pastor or call the Diocesan Vocation office at 712-255-7933.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED: Because of privacy laws, when you or a family member is hospitalized, hospitals are not permitted to contact your pastor unless you inform the admitting personnel you wish to have your pastor notified. Otherwise, you or a member of your family should contact the parish office if you wish a visit. **Please keep the parish office informed of your pastoral needs so your needs can be addressed in a timely fashion and you can be remembered in prayer.**



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL (DAA)
 GOAL: \$16,000.00
 PLEDGED: \$12,120.00
 GOAL: 311 Participants
 PARTICIPANTS: 141

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD!



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Morning Prayer
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:00 a.m.

Eucharist
Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 a.m.

Reconciliation
Sunday 7:30—7:45 a.m.

Coffee/Juice/Rolls
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Guild—1st & 3rd Sunday
KC—2nd & 4th Sunday
Faith Formation—5th Sunday

Faith Formation - Sept. - April
Wed. K-5 4:00—5:00 p.m.
Wed. 6-11 7:00—8:00 p.m.

PieceMakers
Thurs. 12:30—4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Catholic Scripture Study
Wed. 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Sunday Scripture Study
Thurs. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

August 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:00 am Fair Stand Setup 2:30 pm Clark/Pudenz Wedding
2 10:00 am Brown Hamburger for Fair/Move materials to Fair Stand	3	4	5	6	7	8
Parish Fair Stand Open						
WOODBURY COUNTY FAIR 2009						
9 7:00 am Mass—Fairgrounds	10	11 7:00 pm Eucharist 7:30 pm KC Meeting	12 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting	13	14	15 9:30 am—12:00 pm Bridal Shower
Parish Fair Stand Open						
Woodbury County Fair						
16 2:00 pm Parish Movie	17 9:00 am Church car- pets cleaned	18	19 7:00 pm Catechist Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:00 pm Cluster Meet- ing about Parish Ros- ters—Menville	26 7:00 pm Cluster Cate- chist In-service	27	28	29
30	31					

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I don't know what your destiny will be, but
the one thing I know; the only ones among
you who will be really happy are those who
will have sought and found how to serve.

~Albert Schweitzer

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