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YOUTH GROUP = PILOT GROUP

First and foremost, I want to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Thompson. I am a new Catholic. My family and I joined SSPP in 2005 when I found out that I was pregnant with my first son. I knew that I needed something more in my life. My husband is a cradle Catholic who had fallen away from the church and, when I told him my thoughts and intentions, he said he would be my sponsor through RCIA. This would satisfy both of our needs: my joining the church and fulfilling my need and his coming back to the church. I was baptized and entered the church on April 19, 2007.

Since then I have had another son and become a stay-at-home mom. In making preparations in getting my second son baptized, I mentioned to Julie that I was bored and if there was ever anything the church needed I am more than happy to help out. I am getting a little stir crazy looking at the same four walls of my house. That is when she told me that we hadn't had a youth group in a few years. I jumped at the opportunity.

Thinking I would be helping someone out, I had so many ideas. Little did I know I was going to be running the whole show. I was a little overwhelmed at first, but after much thought and talk-

ing with Fr. Roger, I knew exactly what I wanted to do with this group...

First thing I did was rename it from Youth Group to PiLoT Group. PiLoT stands for Path Less Taken. Unfortunately, some of today's youth are taking the wrong path and I want to help our youth to choose the right path on their journey to adulthood. Also, what is a Pilot Group but "test" group? I am going to test out my newly acquired teaching skills. (Sorry guys. You truly are my "pilot group"!)

What do teens want more than anything? Independence. So give them the group to run themselves. They get out of it what they put into it. I want to know what is important to them today. What is a priority in their lives that they feel that they need to get involved with. They tell me and my job is to get the ball rolling. I want them to prepare for the future and realize that they have to work to have fun. So we need to work at a fund raiser to help the church or community and we will be rewarded with a fun activity.

Our first meeting was held on September 7th. It was a huge success. We had 17 students in attendance. I had only officially gotten the word out to 7th and 8th grade classes at SSPP School. I had

yet to speak to the PSR. We had a great time sharing and cutting up. Many suggestions and ideas were thrown at me. I could barely write fast enough at times. It was great to see these minds work. We have a wonderful future ahead of us if these students stay with our church.

I encourage all parents and parishioners to help out when we need volunteers for activities. If anyone would like to come and sit in on meeting, please do so. We meet every other Sunday from 5:30 – 7:30 in the Sloan Room. You can also keep up with our activities by checking out our website by clicking on the **Youth** tab on our parish website (www.ssppalton.com).

I look forward to getting to know these kids better and hope to see new faces at future meetings. Everyone is welcome. They are all encouraged to bring a friend who is Catholic, non-Catholic, or from another school district. The more the merrier.

Jennifer Thompson,
SSPP PiLoT Group Leader



RECTORY RAMBLINGS. . .

C O N F E S S I O N S O F A M A C H O - M A N

The words were words that I had heard before from doctors as I visited hospital rooms or the homes of ill parishioners. “Malignant growth... metastasizing...chemo-therapy...possible remission.” But this time the doctor was speaking these words not only to me, but also about me.

When I first learned that I was facing an extended treatment for my cancer, I was determined that I would not let this impede in any way on my ministry in the parish. I would acknowledge my illness, but I would do it on my terms.

Alright, a session of chemotherapy every three weeks? Fine. Let’s do it on a Monday – that’s my day off – to make sure I’ll be feeling fine by the next weekend.

Back to the hospital the following day for a shot? Okay. I’ll schedule a communion service for every third Monday and Tuesday until the treatments are over. That’s the only changes I’ll need to make.

My hair will fall out? Even my beard? I guess there’s no way I can assure that won’t happen. My hair is still pretty thick. Maybe I’ll keep it. And – if worse comes to worst – well, Yul Brynner was a pretty dashing figure in “The King and I,” and perhaps I’ll turn out to look like him. That wouldn’t be too bad.

Thus was my “macho-man” approach to my illness. I would not allow myself – or my planned out daily living – to be in any way affected by either the cancer or the therapy. I just would not give in to fatigue or anemia. I would refuse to do so.

And I was able to do exactly that...for the first few days after the initial treatment. But then came the symptoms that I had sworn to avoid, and I was unable to keep my resolve.

I had to seek assistance from other OMI’s in covering the Masses on the weekends after my therapy treatments. Several of the parishioners were prepped in conducting communion services for the mornings when I was unable to be in church.

Things were beyond my control. Not only the hair on my head, but also the hair on my chin left me. And I found myself staring into the mirror at the winner of the Addams family’s Uncle Fester look-alike contest.

Everything seemed to be turned topsy-turvy. Nothing concerning my illness or its treatment went the way I had planned.

My mistake was not in making the decisions that I had made – I will not get tired or sick, I will not have to alter my schedule, I will not lose my hair – but in thinking that the decisions were mine to make in the first place.

We all like to think that we are always in complete control. That’s why we get upset when someone or something runs counter to our will.

We see ourselves as needing no one or nothing, for we each think of ourselves as the “god” of our own life. As we decide, so it shall be.

All too often, especially when things are going well, we tend to forget about God. We allow ourselves to believe that everything is our doing. We are the source and the cause of our own happiness.

And so, every now and then God has to shake us up to remind us that we are not in charge of our world or our lives. When things go awry, when our plans go up in smoke, we can finally come to the realization that God is God...and we aren’t.

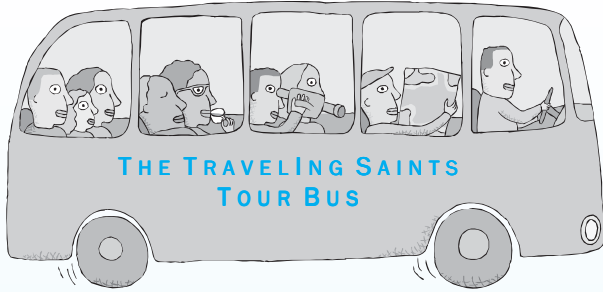
Having our plans dashed can be a blessing in disguise. It can bring us to the realization of Who really is in charge. And it is only then that we turn to Him, knowing that He loves us and cares for us more than we care for ourselves. We place ourselves in His hands, knowing that He wills only the best for us.

The “macho-man” approach is a lonely one, and destined for failure. It is in our inability that we succeed in finding God our strength.

- Fr. Roger, O.M.I.

TRAVELING SAINTS

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Are you wanting to know your city a little better? Visit places you have not been to, or did not know about? Do you want to meet new people while having fun? Well, we have the answer for you. SSPP is forming a new group for adults that will provide an opportunity for fellowship and socialization locally and in the surrounding areas. Please join *The Traveling Saints* for these activities:

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- the Alton Lock and Dam,
- the Lincoln Museum in Springfield,
- Our Lady of the Snows Shrine,
- wineries,
- a theme luncheon get together.

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If you have any suggestions or questions, call Virginia at 465-1462, Sue at 466-4208, or Julie at 465-4221.

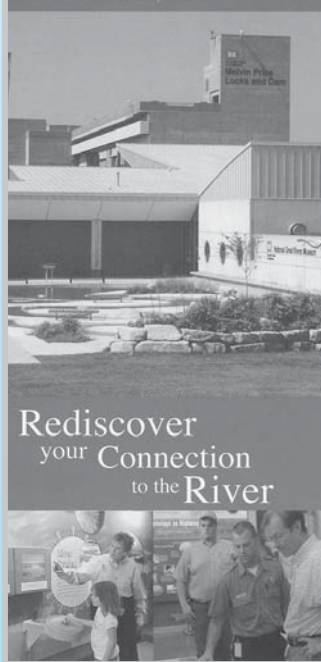
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Through the day trips we hope to provide entertainment, food, fun, meeting new friends and catching up with old friends.

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There is much to see and explore! We are waiting for your participation so we can get our first trip off and running!

The National Great Rivers Museum
Mississippi River - Melvin Price Locks & Dam
Alton, Illinois



Rediscover
your Connection
to the River

Our first trip will be Tuesday, October 28, a tour of the Alton Lock and Dam and lunch. Lunch arrangements will be made pending on participation. Look in the bulletin for more details

You have our numbers!

We can discuss our next trip then!
We have lots of ideas but we need your suggestions, too!!!

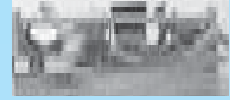
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THE TOOL BOX



By: Duane Amistadi

Have you ever heard the expression, where did the summer go? Well school is out, vacations are planned, and swimming pools are busy. We all hope to get things done around the house, but also, have time for the fun stuff. But, before you know it, summer is over. This happens to me every year. I guess it is poor planning; maybe the weather played a part in it. It seems every time I planned to take my fishing boat out for the weekend, it rained. I did catch a 2 ½ lb bass this summer at Lake Catatoga. The size gets bigger every time I tell the story. I took pictures and released it to catch another day. I start planning in May what projects to work on during the summer at SS. Peter and Paul. With the help of Mr. Cosbie Stevenson, Mr. Mark Harrison (former SSPP student), and Oblate Novices from the novitiate: Br. Dan Janulewicz, Br. Paul Chinyemba, and Br. Tony Nkhoma, we started removing everything from each classroom, making any repairs needed, cleaning everything with a disinfectant, stripping and waxing floors, cleaning carpets, and putting everything back in the classroom. The new preschool classroom was added next to the kindergarten classroom. SS. Peter and Paul school looks great for its 100th birthday celebration and is ready for the arrival of students. The summer is almost over, school has started, and the summer work team did an outstanding job making the school a clean, safe environment for its students. Welcome back, students and staff of SS. Peter and Paul School.

Tool Box Tip: The Fall season is a perfect time to prune trees and shrubs. Pruning promotes plant health, prevents disease and, insect infestation, and improves the plant appearance. The right pruning tools will make the job easier. Pruning shears cuts up to ¾ inch, lopping shears cuts up to 1 ½ inch, pruning hand saws cuts branches over 1 inch. To shorten a branch or twig, cut it back to a side branch or make the cut about ¼ inch above the bud. Always prune above a bud facing the outside of a plant to force the new branch to grow in that direction. Remove branches and branch stubs that rub together. Avoid topping trees or removing large branches. This can lead to health problems for the tree. Think green, save a tree!



PARISH NURSE NEWS

WHY IS SLEEP IMPORTANT??

Sleep is a natural part of everyone's life, but many people know very little about how important it is, and some even try to get by with little sleep. Sleep is something our bodies need; it is not an option. Sleep, like diet and exercise, is important for our minds and bodies to function normally. In fact, sleep appears to be required for survival.



An internal biological clock regulates the timing for sleep. It programs each person to feel sleepy during the nighttime hours and

be active during the daylight hours.

Sleepiness due to chronic lack of adequate sleep is a big problem in the United States and affects many children as well as adults. Children and even adolescents need at least nine

hours of sleep each night to do their best. Most adults need approximately eight hours of sleep each night.

Inadequate sleep can cause decrease in:

- performance
- concentration
- reaction times
- learning

Inadequate sleep can cause increase in:

- memory lapse
- accidents and injuries
- behavior problems
- mood problems

Taken from *The Well Workplace Healthletter*, June 2008

Tammy Stilwell RN
Clinical Outreach Educator
Saint Anthony's Health Center

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Altar Society will be Wednesday, October 8, 2008 from 3:00pm-7:00pm, held at the Alton Knights of Columbus Hall, 405 E. 4th Street, Alton, IL.

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. A cancer patient might use 10-20 units of blood and 10-50 units of blood platelets for treatment. Help insure cancer and leukemia patients have the blood

they need to fight these terrible diseases.

Help celebrate life and help conquer cancer. Give cancer patients hope—GIVE BLOOD.

Please mark on your calendars the dates of upcoming Blood Drives sponsored by the Altar Society. This is a community outreach.

March 11, 2009—3:00pm-7:00pm

August 5, 2009—3:00pm-7:00pm

October 7, 2009—3:00pm-7:00pm

GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU

It has been almost a year since I wrote you about my acceptance into the diaconate program for the Diocese. A lot has happened since I last wrote you. I was assigned to continue my diaconate formation at a different parish on March 1st of this year. I was assigned to Father Roger's old parish St. Bernard's, which is now called Holy Angels, in Wood River. I am working with Father Flach who, for some of the older parishioners, was here at SS. Peter and Paul with Father Donohoe in the early 1980's. With his help and guidance I hope to hone my skills and learn the workings of a parish.

I have completed my first year of schooling and training for the

diaconate program and on June 19th of this year, I and my fellow classmates were officially made deacon candidates in the Cathedral with Bishop Lucas presiding.

I thank you again for your support and prayers in this new adventure. You are all in Susan's and my prayers. I ask all of you to continue to pray for me as I continue toward becoming a permanent deacon. I hope to be able to soon return to you all here at my home parish to be able to serve God and you in my new career. Thank you again and may God bless you all.

Tom Wilkinson

GRATITUDE THAT FLOWS BACK TO GOD

Whenever someone gives you a wonderful gift, you may want to do something nice in return. God gives us so many gifts, our thankfulness can overflow into a desire to do something nice for Him in return. Try these ideas for giving God gifts of your time, treasure and talent in gratitude.

Put God first. Let nothing come in the way of your attendance at Mass and your personal prayer time. Open your heart wide to God and listen for his response.

Get involved at SSPP. Where can you use your talents? Greeter before Mass? Eucharistic minister to visit the sick and homebound?

Extra help during PSR classes? Call SSPP rectory to find out.

Fund Christian activities. SSPP depends upon your help to meet its operating expenses.

Build up the Body. Each day, try to be Jesus to someone. Think of ways you can live His teachings in all aspects of your life.

The amazing result of showing gratitude to God is that He then gives you even more for which you can be thankful!





R C I A B E G I N N I N G S

Right after the death and resurrection of Jesus the apostles were bombarded with people wanting to follow THE WAY. These people were usually newly baptized Jews and Gentiles who witnessed the actions of Jesus' few followers. That exemplifying made sense. They wanted to be part of the new movement.

Quickly the apostles realized they needed to share with these people what they knew of Jesus and his WAY. Get-togethers started AND continued. Thus came the begin of our present day RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

The most recent major change came during Vatican Council II. Church leaders were mandated to revise and even devise a process whereby interested people were introduced to the Catholic Faith in a meaningful way.

Father Tom Meyer, the first OMI pastor at SS. Peter & Paul, made serious efforts in implementing the Council's mandate: formal introduction of interested baptized and unbaptized people to the Catholic Church and its faith.

Every year people have registered for

this program. It becomes an integral part of their lives and the life of the parish. Just ask Deanne, Karen, Jud, Dene, Tim, Greg, Laura, Terry, Ann, Rob, Harry, Don and Sherri, Chuck, Ruth and Denver, Jennifer, or Rosemary, just to name one person from each year's group.

This year we expect four participants, thus continuing the parish RCIA program. It's a long journey for them. Pray for them and give a warm welcome when you see strange faces around the parish.

Mary Fran Vincent



On Tuesday evening, September 2nd, an evening of entertainment, fun, and ideas were shared by the members and guests of the Altar Society/DCCW as they began their 'kickoff' meeting for the beginning of another promising year. Our parish nurse, Tammy Stilwell, provided blood pressure testing prior to the meeting.

The announcement of 'surprise' entertainment must have aroused interest and curiosity as we were blessed with a wonderful attendance. Our thanks to Martha Brockus, Pat Harmon, Tim Gilbreth, Melodee Hughes, and Debbie Popovchak for sharing their talents of music as they performed 'Christmas in September.' The ladies were so enticed with the festive holiday spirit, we already have volunteers to chair our Christmas party in December. – Thanks Martha and choir members!!

A schedule of upcoming meetings and optional dates of participation were given to each member so they may plan their personal calendars.

ALTAR SOCIETY/DCCW SCHEDULE (09/08-12/08)

TENTATIVE DATES – PLEASE WATCH CHURCH BULLETIN

- Tues. 9/2: Kickoff mtg. 7 pm Liberty Bank.
- Sat. 10/4: Respect Life March at Holy Family Parish, Granite City, 9 am Mass, walk, luncheon.
- Tues. 10/7: Mtg. at "Arms of Love" center 7 pm tour, baby shower, speaker, refreshments.
- Wed. 10/8: Sponsoring blood drive at the Alton Knights of Columbus Hall, 3:00-7:00 pm.
- Tue. 10/21: Annual DCCW convention, Jacksonville.
- Thur. 10/23 and Sat 10/25: VNA flu shots in Sloan Room 9-12.
- Tue. 11/4: Mtg. and workshop for bazaar at Liberty Bank, Godfrey 7 pm. **PLEASE VOTE!**
- Sat. 11/15: Alton Deanery DCCW mtg., St. Jerome Parish, Troy.
- Sat 11/22: Participation at bazaar for St. Vincent de Paul.
- Tue. 12/2: Altar Society/DCCW meeting including Christmas Party.

Please check the church bulletin for date changes or additions. The possibility of a 'Ladies Night Out' at the Alton Little Theater for the November 18th performance of 'Nuncrackers' is in the planning stage. You will notice the variety of activities with which we are affiliated.

Membership dues are being collected following a letter sent to each woman of the parish. A suggestion was made and accepted to offer two masses a year for the living and deceased members of our organization for their service of time, talent, and monetary support they have so generously shared. Several workshop evenings will be scheduled as we prepare to assist and participate in the annual St. Vincent de Paul bazaar November 22nd. The ladies also will be providing an assortment of baked goods, homemade jams, jellies, etc. for their 'Bake Shop.' Letters will be mailed asking for donations and assistance.

Congratulations to Patti Kruegel as the winner of the hand crocheted coverlet! Thanks to Martha Kulp for the coverlet donation to benefit our raffle.

The finale of the evening was an ice cream social and fresh baked apple desserts as we enjoyed the fellowship.

The November elections are quickly approaching and it is imperative that we be aware of our civic duty to vote. As concerned Catholic women, we are the nurturers for our families – from the unborn to the elderly. We have the availability and resources to educate ourselves about the candidates and upcoming issues. We must be informed voters to protect the future of our family, community, and nation. The cover of the Catholic Woman Magazine reads 'We are Women of Faith, Women of Action.' Please read the September 14 issue of the Catholic Times, page four, or visit the Website www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

We welcome you and your guests to participate in our organization as we continue to build camaraderie within our Parish.

Sue Schwegel
Liz Cordes

Nancy Weaver
Karen McAtee

SSPP SCHOOL NEWS

DEAR FRIENDS OF SS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL



Welcome back to a new school year! Our new pre-school is open under the direction of Mrs. Mary Everitt and Mrs. Jennifer Mueller. We are happy to have this new addition to our school program this year! Thanks to everyone who made this new program possible!

We also welcome to our staff Sister Emily Morse, FSGM, on September 15. Sister is entering the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. She will spend her first year teaching at SS. Peter and Paul. Sister will teach First Reconciliation and Communion to the second graders, Confirmation preparation to the eighth graders, and religion to the third graders. We are grateful for her ministry to our young people this year as they prepare for these important sacraments.

Thank you to the teachers and staff and especially Mr. Duane Amistadi and Mr. Cosbie Stevenson, our maintenance crew, for preparing the school building and grounds for a smooth opening of a new year. Our 100 year old building is a beautiful tribute to Catholic education!

Thank you for your continued support!
Melinda Fischer – Principal



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NEWS FROM MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



School is in full gear and things are running smoothly this year at Marquette Catholic High School. Marquette has a student body of 254, including 82 students in the freshman class. Twelve of the 82 freshmen hail from SSPP grade school. They are Matthew Bazzell, Lucas Chestnut, Michael Cooke, Kaitlin Dunn, Evan Everitt, Caitlin Grove, Eric Huels, Cody Lee, Courtney Lloyd, Andrew McDermott, Anna Morrissey, and Amanda Walters.

Marquette celebrated its first school mass of the year with Bishop George Lucas on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. He reminded the students that the most important thing about a Catholic Education is to become closer to God through all the subjects they are studying. He reminded them how fortunate they are to attend Marquette and to thank their parents or whomever made the education possible. Olivia Bennington, alum of SSPP, served as Cantor for the mass.

The first pep rally of the year took place August 29. SSPP alum and junior Ed Barrett showed off some of his soccer skills as he explained why he switched from playing football to playing on the Marquette soccer team this year.

Marquette students continue to score well on the ACT and Advanced Placement tests. Many seniors from the class of 2008 went to college with more than 15 hours of college credit due to dual credit classes and Advanced Placement test scores.

The Marquette Homecoming celebration was the weekend of September 26 and 27th. The football game was at 7:00pm on September 26 and the homecoming dance took place Saturday night. SSPP parishioners Nick Blevens, Pat Dooley and Pat Fitzgerald were candidates for homecoming king this year. The block party for alumni, family and friends of Marquette was held on Saturday September 27, at 7:00 at the Alton Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone had a good time. There was music, and food and drinks were available.

Thank you for your continued support of Marquette Catholic High School.

We look forward to a great year.
Meg Miller 463-0585



PRESCHOOL

We are so excited to welcome Mrs. Everitt and the preschool classes to SS. Peter and Paul! There are 15 kids; eight three year olds and seven four year olds. The three year old class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are working on proper hand grips, gluing, cutting and how to share. The four year old class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The four year olds are also working on learning a proper grip, cutting and gluing. They are also working on writing letters, retelling stories and how to follow directions.

The classes arrive at 8:00 and begin their day with story and music centers, where they read books, sing songs, do puppet shows and play instruments. At 8:30 they go outside to work on their gross motor skills by riding tricycles and throwing balls. They then go inside to have a snack before beginning art. In art they get to color, paint, draw, cut, glue and listen to and follow directions. When they are finished with their art project they get to have free play time and get to use the kitchen set, play with blocks and the trains. They also have "discovery" cubbies that have to do with science and have live things, magnifying glasses, scales and magnets. At 10:30 the kids get to go home and relax after their very busy day.

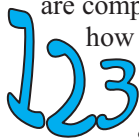


Emma Snider

KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten class this year has 14 kids: 8 girls and 6 boys. They all love it and are making lots of new friends. The class is learning about the alphabet and how to write their numbers. They get homework every other day which they think is really cool. They are good listeners and follow directions well. The students had guppies as class pets but they all died except for one blue beta fish named Blue Berry. They also have pet hermit crabs. In their classroom they have several centers set up, where they play during free time. They also like going to their different classes. They like to go to PE because Mr. Denton, the PE teacher, is funny. Also they like PE because they are learning new games. Other fun classes are computer and music. In computer they are learning how to handle a CD properly and how to hold the mouse. In music they are singing songs and playing with instruments. They are having a great time and love learning all these new things.

Emma Snider



FIRST GRADE

When asked what their favorite subject is most replied that they liked Science. They are currently learning about living and non-living things. They also like to read their Phonics books. When told this, almost all of the first graders broke out into a chorus of piggy snorts because, "their Phonics books are covered in pigs." Responsibility is another thing that the first graders are learning this year. They have different jobs ranging from line leader, prayer and pledge leader, and plant waterer. Mrs. Malone, the first grade teacher, has a few tricks to make learning more fun. To help them learn left from right they play Hokey Pokey in the morning. Mrs. Malone also does different things to reward the first graders. If they behave well in extra classes [P.E., Music, and computers] then they earn marbles.

Once they have reached 100 marbles they get a special surprise. Mrs. Malone says, "Every day is important in first grade. They all read, work hard, and have fun."

Chloe Huelsman



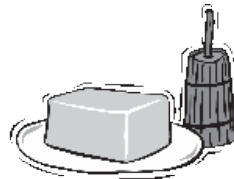
THIRD GRADE

The third graders this year are very happy to be in Mrs. Rose's class. I talked with 3rd graders Payton Kline and Eli Kanallakan, and they told me that they were enjoying the year so far and liked their teacher, Mrs. Rose, a lot, and that they couldn't wait to go on their first field trip. They also told me they are doing a science project in the near future that involves making butter. They told me they can't wait to taste it. They also said they had been busy with making scarecrows and trees in art class.

The third graders are reading Accelerated Books (AR) and the SRA programs this year and say they really enjoy it. The 3rd graders have group reading and they are currently reading the bestseller *Little House in the Big Woods* and tell me it's been a great book so far.

They will be doing their first mass of the year in six weeks; they admitted to me that they were a tad nervous but excited all the same. They are really looking forward to what third grade has in store for them in the winter and spring.

Jessica Schultz

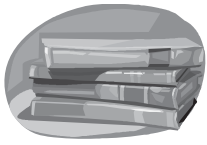


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SSPP STUDENTS PAGE

THE 5TH GRADE



Fifth grade is going through a big change in school. First, they are now on the second floor and they started to change classes. Also they have to carry books around and it is very hard for them. They like it better because the day seems shorter by switching classes. It is fun for the 5th grade class. Alyssa Harang

SIXTH GRADE



The sixth grade class has 22 students, adding two new faces this year, Alex H and Katie B. The class is having fun with Social Studies and Science and Art. They are going to be doing one science or social studies project a month. The first project was for social studies and they had to create their own map with 21 land formations on it. They came up with some pretty interesting names for places. Thank goodness they're not in charge of real maps yet. As an art project everyone made a flip book. They could choose what they wanted it to be. For instance, some students drew a person doing the splits, someone dancing, and a man taking his hat off and on. The next art project will be making a flag. The class is doing very well adjusting to a new home room and making new friends feel welcome. Emma Snider

SEVENTH GRADE

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This year there are three new students in this class. When asked what they like about this school they replied, "I like my friends and teachers." All but two of the seventh graders said that they like Math as their favorite subject. The other two liked Social Studies as their favorite. They also have jobs in the classroom. They include assignment board, bookshelves, clipboard, prayer, errand runner, and bell. The entire class agreed that ringing the bell to signal that classes were switching was their favorite job. So far this year Mrs. Gallagher has planned for the students to make an Indian shield in art and a diorama in reading. Chloe Huelsman

THE 8TH GRADE

This year will be a good year for the 8th graders; they received their kindergarten buddy assignments the first week of school and were excited to get them.

They will be going to Eckert's pumpkin farm with their buddies sometime in October where they will help their buddy select a pumpkin to take home for their own and pick one for themselves as well.

Most of the eighth graders are part of the SS. Peter and Paul children's choir. You can hear them singing every other Saturday at 4:30 mass or on Friday at 8:15 mass.

Some of the 8th graders are also lectors and servers. They will also be leading the Rosary on first Friday after mass (anyone is welcome to join us).

As you may know, every year the eighth graders go to Chicago in the spring, but something you may not know is that they have to work for that trip all year.

Over the course of the next eight months they will be raising money for the event by hosting things such as car washes, bake sales, garage sales etc. It will be a long process but it will be worth it in the end. Jessica Schultz



CHILDREN'S CHOIR RETURNS

The new school year has started and that means the SSPP Children's Choir is back and singing. This year we are blessed with twenty-nine students from fifth through eighth grades.

As always the children will be singing for the 8:15 children's masses on Friday throughout the school year. We have changed our schedule a bit for the weekend liturgies this year. The children will sing for the 4:30 Saturday mass on the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month through

May 2009.

I am happy to introduce our new accompanist, Mr. Tim Lyon. Mr. Lyon graciously accepted my request to join us this year. He plays both organ and piano. We are planning to do some singing from the choir loft this year, which will be a new experience for this choir, but the children are looking forward to it. We still have our drummers, and in addition, we have added Aileen Chickey on the violin and Chloe Huelsman playing guitar for us this

year. Both of the girls have been singing in the choir for two years.

As in past years, the choir will be singing for the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Eve 4:30 Children's Mass, First Communion and Eighth Grade Graduation.

Please show your support for these wonderful children who have generously committed to sharing their time and talent with our parish family.

Paula Malone,
Children's Choir Director

I MISS YOU....AND....I REALLY DO....



August 1, 2008, will never be forgotten. It was really a day that came to me as a blessing and not only as my Vow day but also as a complete day of seeing and witnessing the great support from the parishioners and students of SS. Peter & Paul

The other good factor for me was the excellent turn out of the SS. Peter & Paul Parish/School members. Among them were Fr. Roger, Julie, Duane, Cosby, Sandy Duty, Miss Fischer, the Morrissey family, the Snider family and many others. To you all I say thank you so much.

Working at the School and the Parish was one of my best moments of my stay in the United States of America. After my vows, I returned to my home country Zambia. I was home with my family for about a month Holiday that commenced on the 10th of August up to the 10th of September. I then began my Mission Pastoral Assignment on the 12th of

September 2008 at the remote Oblate Mission in the Western part of Zambia called Sancta Maria Catholic Missions.

During my holiday, I visited a lot of family members who were patiently waiting for the arrival of their beloved son from the United States. It was too saddening to learn of many people who died in my absence. Others were seriously sick and others were doing pretty fine. I was so glad to explain to them my wonderful stay in the United States of America, and more specifically the wonderful people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish/School. My year away from home was a blessing and it made a lot of impact in me and my family.

While on holiday, I was able to check my emails more, especially if I was visiting my relatives who were around town. One day as I opened my in box in my email account, I came across one mail that really touched me. It was about the illness of our very own Priest Fr. Roger, OMI. I was really moved and therefore I join all of you parishioners, friends, family and students of SS. Peter & Paul's in praying for the quick recovery of Fr.

Roger. I am very faithful that with the help of your daily prayers, he shall be okay.

I miss you all. Just know that you are more like family to me. Gretchen, Julie, Duane, Cosbie, Sandy, Freddie, Mrs. Malone, Miss Fischer, Mrs. Kaid, Mrs. Albert, Students, and everyone, I miss you so much. Once more many many thanks for coming to my Vows ceremony.

You are all in my prayers and please continue praying for me as I continue to discover God's will in my priestly journey. Be assured of my prayers. Get well soon, Fr. Roger.

Tony Nkhoma, OMI
Oblate Novices at Godfrey Novitiate
August 2007-August 2008

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ST BALDRICK CHILDHOOD CANCER CURE EVENT

SS. Peter & Paul Church in Alton was one of numerous local community teams participating in the Alton Godfrey Rotary St Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Cure fundraising event held on September 25th at the Alton Square Mall.

SS. Peter & Paul Pastor Fr Roger Schoenhofen opened the hair shaving event with a prayer.

He then was the first to take a seat in one of six barber chairs to lead the way for fifty brave men, women and children to shave their heads for the fund-raiser to conquer childhood cancer. Joining Fr Roger from SS. Peter & Paul were four members of the Williams' family and numerous Parish members, including barber Chuck Gable and Rotary SBF event chairman Ed Morrissey.

Elizabeth Bradley, the 4 year old 'honoree,' thanked the crowd by phone from the Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis where she is being treated for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Her father, Carl Bradley, arranged for the bedside phone con-

nection.

Her mother, Denise Bradley, along with her seven year old sister and grandmother, appeared briefly at the Alton event before leaving for the hospital. Denise commented "how beautiful everybody looked" bald. She said she was "overwhelmed when I walked in and saw the crowd."

The Bradley family tearfully thanked everyone for their efforts to help eradicate childhood cancer so that other children and families won't have to face the affects of cancer.

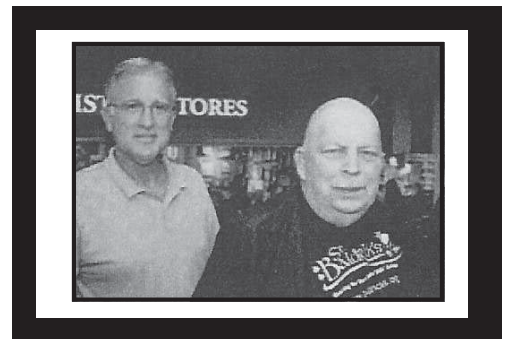
The St Baldrick's Foundation is the fastest growing volunteer driven childhood cancer charity in the US with more than 46,000 heads shaved at 1,200 different events. More than \$34 million has been raised to support cancer research at more than 230 institutions, including a major pediatric oncology educational research grant in 2008 to Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Clinic.

Cancer is the number one disease killer of children in the US, with more than 160,000 children diagnosed worldwide each year.

There is no "St. Baldrick," but the first event took place on St. Patrick's Day of 2000, so the name was a blend of the holiday and "bald." The bald theme is to show solidarity with young patients who lose their hair from the effects of chemotherapy, raise awareness of childhood cancer and raise funds to help discover a cure.

A total of \$29,189 was raised by the end of the evening.

Contributions can still be made by visiting the Alton Godfrey Rotary website at www.altongodfreyrotary.org and following the easy links to donate.



YES, JESUS LOVES ME



I did it! I made it through bootcamp!. I am officially a United States Marine. Over the past three months I encountered extreme physical and mental challenges. You would think that would have been my greatest accomplishment. That didn't even come close to the realization of knowing how much God loves me.

During the weakest part of my training, the sleep deprivation and the miles and miles of running, I felt an unbelievable force, driving me, pushing me to keep going. I always knew God was with me. But to know how much love He has for me to actually realize He was nailed to the cross and died for me. That is the greatest accomplishment in my life. I am forever a changed person.

Thanks to everyone who prayed for me while I was in bootcamp.

Pvt. Nicholas E. Hazelwonder



PRAYER FOR GOD'S PROTECTION

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



OUR HEROES

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS.



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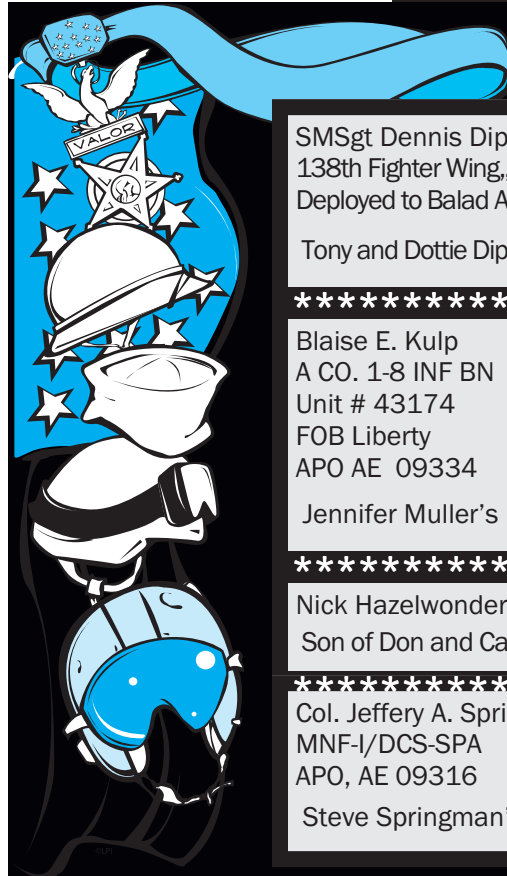


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Major Christopher J. Williams
Thank you for all you have done. Enjoy your time at home with your family.
Son of Harry and Katie Williams.





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Tony and Dottie Dipiazza's son

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Steve Springman's Brother.



OCTOBER IS DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

STARCHILD

Author unknown

Christened

With flowers falling, gentle as snow.

Christened

With tears, like the rain of the soul,
Looking down, we smile from the heart

And learn to laugh again

With our gentle

Starchild

LITTLE SISTER

By Anna (Floerke) Scheid

Marquette Catholic High School Class of 1995

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February 1994,

Only once, or for those lucky ones maybe
twice, in a lifetime does someone come along
who leaves a large impression imprinted on
one's soul. Only once, could there be some-
one so determined, so innocent, and filled
with love as Ellen Leigh Malone.

Ellen is only four years old, yet she sparks
an admiration in me through her determina-
tion, her striving to do her best. Ellen has a
handicap. She is mentally retarded. Ellen's
form of mental retardation is called Down
syndrome. Commonly called "Down's,"
this disorder is genetic and cannot be cor-

rected. The disorder occurs when an extra
chromosome is produced in the twenty-first
chromosome of each cell. Down's causes
varied degrees of mental and physical retar-
dation. Ellen, however, helps herself to
overcome her handicap in her everyday life.
She tries harder than anyone I know and
works diligently until she gets things right.
She has been in the Early Childhood school-
ing Program since she was just one year old.
Ellen accepts all challenges brought before
her. She does this so gently, so peacefully,
that one barely notices her gut determination.

And so in her gentleness, one discovers her
innocence. Ellen's bright, curious, blue eyes
and lovely, sweet smile hide nothing. Any-
one can see that she loves everyone. She
hugs complete strangers and is very friendly
at going about it. She doesn't talk very well,
but her slight speech makes her innocence
more dominant. For quite awhile Ellen even
equated male figures with "Daddy" and fe-
male figures with "Mommy." I recall once
walking down the stairs away from her and
hearing her call, "Mommy, come back!" I
said that I was not "Mommy"; I was
"Anna." Ellen looked at me and replied
"Sha Bop," her favorite word for "shut up."
For some reason her saying things like that
just makes us laugh and love her more.

Perhaps Ellen's most perfect quality is her
ability to fill everything with love. Her con-
cept of God as she says the meal prayer with
us and her sweet phrase "I love you" simply
astound me. Ellen is someone to whom I
can tell anything. She understands every-
thing I say, and she is always there for me. I
never have to worry about her spilling the
secret, for everything I say is safe with Ellen.

Ellen's marvelous qualities run far beyond
what I have written here today. There are
many things about her that cannot be ex-
plained—her light, her joy. Sometimes she
laughs for no apparent reason; it is as though
she were joking with some little angel that
we cannot see. She will always have some
unexplainable something that draws people
to her, that impresses them, as it does me.

Ellen is now 19 years old and a senior at
Alton High School. She looks forward to
graduation and continuing her education at
Lewis and Clark Community College.

As I was preparing this article for the
OCN, I thought of a picture I have hanging
in my first grade classroom. It has a picture
of a boy with Down Syndrome on it and it
simply says, "It's not how I look, it's how
you see me".

Paula Malone

OLD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9 AM - 7PM

CRAFTS - GRANNY'S ATTIC

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AND

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TWO
DEGREES
OF
SEPARATION

A COUNT'S CORNER
BY DAVE STAFFORD,
SSPP BUSINESS MANAGER



Recently a Missionary visited our parish, Father Dennis from India. Denise and I were very blessed to spend time visiting with him. He turned out to be a very interesting fellow. He had known all his life that he had a calling so at the old age of eleven he decided to enter the priesthood. Not only did he need his parents permission but also his uncle, the family patriarch. While the Caste system has been outlawed for years it is still very much a part of their culture. He is still grateful for his calling and has absolutely no regrets.

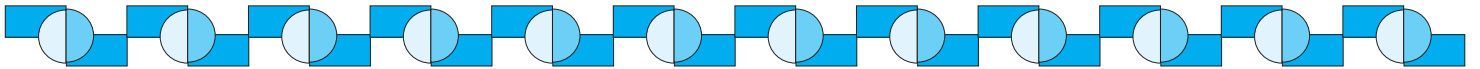
In his late teens the Bishop called him in to inform him he was being sent to America to earn an advanced degree. To

his surprise that would be a Masters of Business Administration (MBA). He made many requests to return home but spent many years in the US even after graduating. When he returned to India he was put in charge of a large trade type of school, not what he had in mind when he was eleven. He has become an authority on business management and has incorporated these principles into his ministry.

Fr. Dennis tried to relate the extreme poverty of his country but it is difficult for us to relate to and comprehend. While they do not have what we consider basic needs, they are grateful for what they have and live quite satisfying lives. Their greatest needs are medical services and

medicine.

Now for the two degrees of separation. While holding a large meeting in a local parish in India he felt a presence in the room. After the meeting he was introduced to Mother Teresa. He said he was blessed to have the privilege to work with her a number of times. He described her as having a very deep faith while being very stubborn in her demands. She was dedicated to the poor and would not compromise in her service to them. So now we can all claim a connection to a future saint, even though it may be by a few degrees - at least it's closer than Kevin Bacon!



P S A . . . G L S . . . A B C ' S O F S S P P

My name is Barb Gable. I am the internal Vice-President of the PSA and coordinator for the GLS (Great Lakes Scripts). The first PSA function that will take place is our Thanksgiving dinner. Although this is not a fundraiser, it is an opportunity to meet other parents and to volunteer your time to help with the dinner that we serve to the entire school.

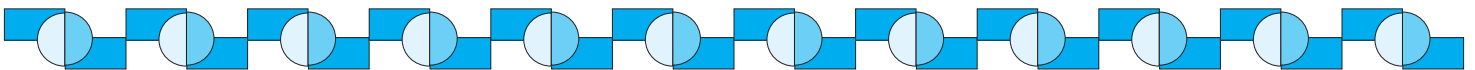
I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have concerning the GLS

program. GLS is an on going fundraiser for our school. We ask for everyone to take part and keep buying the GLS certificates for your grocery needs, birthday and anniversary needs from SSPP. We get a percentage of all GLS certificates sold. The percentage varies by merchants.

After the holidays the next upcoming school event is Catholic schools week. This is typically the end of January, when we show off

our school with pride. During Catholic schools week the school has their annual book fair. Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to visit the school and purchase books as well.

I am excited to be back and would like to take this time to thank Father Roger, Duane and his crew, the teachers, Mrs. Duty and Ms. Fischer for their continued dedication and hard work.



Happy 100th Birthday to

SSPP School.

OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	SSPP School Vision 2 & Hearing Screenings Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	3	4 Blessing of the Pets 11a Mass 4:30 p
5 Mass 8-10 a Coffee & Pastries Life Chain Sunday 2:30 p PiLot Group 5:30 p	6	7 PSA 6:30 p Altar Society 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	8 H.I.S. Ministry 9 a Altar Society Blood Drive At KC Alton 3-7 p School Board Mtg 7 p	9 Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	10 SSPP School Mass 8:15a	11 Mass 4:30 p
12 Mass 8-10 a	13 SSPP No School	14 RCIA 7:30 p	15 St. Vincent de Paul 6:30 p	16 Liturgy Mtg 2:45 p Maintenance Mtg 7 p Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	17 SSPP School Mass 8:15a	18 Mass 4:30 p
19 Mass 8-10 a PiLoT Group 5:30p	20	21 SSPP early Dismissal Noon Finance Council 3:30 p PPC 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	22 Mustard Seed Mtg. 6:30 p	23 Flu Shot Sloan Rm 9 a Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	24 SSPP School Mass 8:15a End of 3rd quarter Milk due for November	25 Flu Shot Sloan Rm 9 a Mass 4:30 p
26 Mass 8-10 a	27	28 PPC 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	29	30 Halloween Parade 3 y PLOW 7 p Rosary 7 p	31 Report Cards SSPP School Mass 8:15a Halloween Parade 4 Mexican Carnival 12:45 p	

NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Mass 4:30 p
2 Mass 8-10 a Coffee & Pastries PiLot Group 5:30 p	3 SSPP No School	4 Election Day Altar Society 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	5	6 Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	7 First Friday SSPP School Mass 8:15a	8 Mass 4:30 p Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Alton KC 6-10 p
9 Mass 8-10 a	10 SSPP No School	11 SSPP No School Rectory Closed RCIA 7:30 p	12 HIS Ministry 9 A	13 Liturgy MTG 2:45 p Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	14 SSPP School Mass 8:15a	15 Mass 4:30 p
16 Mass 8-10 a PiLot Group 5:30 p	17	18 RCIA 7:30 p	19 St. Vincent de Paul 6:30 p School Board Mtg. 7:15 p	20 Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	21 SSPP School Mass 8:15a Milk Money due for December	22 Mass 4:30 p Christmas Bazaar 9 a
23 Mass 8-10 a	24 SSPP No Pre-School	25 SSPP No Pre-School PPC 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	26 SSPP No Pre-School SSPP Early Dismissal Noon Mustard Seed Mtg. 6:30 p	27 Thanksgiving Mass 9 a	28 SSPP School/Rectory Closed	29 Mass 4:30 p
30 Mass 8-10 a PiLoT Group 5:30 p						

DECEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 SSPP Class Resume Progress Reports	2 Altar Society 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	3	4 Rosary 7 p PLOW 7 p	5 First Friday SSPP School Mass 8:15a	6 Mass 4:30 p
7 Mass 8-10 a Coffee & Pastries	8 Immaculate Conception Mass 8:15 a-Noon-7:30 p	9 RCIA 7:30 p	10 HIS Ministry 9 a	11 SSPP Christmas Program 7p PLOW 7 p	12 SSPP School Mass 8:15a Our Lady Guadalupe Mass 7 p	13 Mass 4:30 p
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21 Mass 8-10 a	22	23 PPC 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	24 Christmas Eve Mass 4:30-7:30 p	25 Merry 'Christmas Mass Midnight., 9 a	26 SSPP School/Rectory Closed	27 Mass 4:30 p
28 Mass 8-10 a PiLoT Group 5:30 p	29	30 PPC 7 p RCIA 7:30 p	31 Mass 4:30 p			

LESS GOVERNMENT, LESS WASTE



This commentary is solely the opinion of the writer and should not be construed as a position of the Catholic Church. The Pope, the Bishop, and the

Pastor do not necessarily agree.

As I get older I realize that I was not as smart in my youth as I thought I was at the time of my youth. You probably figured this out a long time ago.

Some days I look around and wonder why I went to great efforts to acquire things. Some days I look around and see how wasteful I have become due to habit and lack of forethought. I need to put an end to some of these wasteful habits.

Recently I listened to the sermon from Fr. Darrell Rupiper who came to our parish to give us some pointers on how we can consume less and have a less negative impact on our environment. In my younger days I would have ignored these topics. Today I wonder why I didn't hear Fr. Darrell's message sooner in life.

After Mass I thought more about the waste

and excess consumption I see in my daily life. I also thought about when I learned that free or low cost goods are often wasted. Unfortunately I too have been guilty of waste and excess consumption when the cost is low.

All around me I see examples of waste when a good or service appears free or very inexpensive. All you have to do is go to a buffet restaurant to see this principle. Because all the food is available for the same low fixed price people overeat and often throw away much food. The waste is seen in the food thrown away and in the excess calories that people consume.

While this concept is prevalent across all spectrums of our society, I see it more in those who utilize government welfare benefits. If someone else is paying your rent, why bother to maintain the property? If someone else is buying your food, why bother to shop carefully and prepare meals from scratch? If someone else is paying for your healthcare, why not go to the emergency room for quick treatment?

Am I prejudiced against poor people? No, I am not. If I were prejudiced against the poor I would not serve my community in local government to administer a program designed to help poor people. I just want less waste and

consumption.

I see the waste and excess in my own home. My children go from room to room turning on lights and multiple appliances without regard for the waste. I can not imagine how they can use the computer, watch television, and listen to a music player all at the same time they claim to be completing school work. As my children move out on their own they understand why I complained about the waste.

As the election approaches this year I will be keeping Fr. Darrell's message in mind. I will seek a presidential candidate who shares my concern about waste. No more taxes. No big government. No new government programs that get wasted.

I too hope for change for our society. However, the change must come from individuals, not from government. I too am one of those people who cling to my guns and my religion. My religion values unborn life and the inherent value of working to support one's self and family.

The choice in November is simple. More government, more waste. Or life for all and work that teaches us not to waste.

— Doug Mueller

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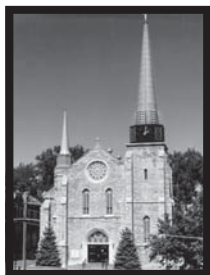
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