

March 16, 2008

## The Triduum

The Easter Triduum, what is it about? We have been spending these 40 days of Lent in preparation for something bigger and that is the Easter Triduum.

The Triduum is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. Lent often overshadows the Triduum but it should not, from the documents of Vatican Council II “The Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.” Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these three great days.

The Triduum commemorates, that which makes it the “culmination of the entire liturgical year,” is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter Triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one) dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two) and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days “tells” a different part of the story of Jesus’ saving action. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper. Jesus gives us the Eucharist and says to us “do this in memory of me.” He then washes the feet of the apostles. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ either at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when new members are baptized and welcomed into our Catholic community or on Easter Sunday morning.

We look at the Easter Triduum as one single celebration that lasts for three days, not separate liturgies.

### Holy Thursday:

Many people think Lent lasts to Easter Sunday but it really ends at dusk on Holy Thursday. All regular masses in the parish are suspended to allow for only one mass, the mass of the Last Supper held always on Thursday evening.

The procession of the Holy Thursday mass is for a three-day celebration. It is larger and more encompassing than the procession of a regular Sunday mass. One part is the procession of the Holy Oils received at the Chrism mass.

The scripture heard that evening reminds us of the first Passover meal of the Israelites as they prepare their journey out of slavery in Egypt. We then hear of the institution of the Eucharist by Christ and his admonition of “Do this, in remembrance of me.” And then we have the example of the service to which we all are called when Jesus, who is Lord and master, takes a basin of water and towel and washes the feet of his apostles ending with the words, “What I just did was to give you an example; as I have done, so you must do.”

### Good Friday:

What sets Good Friday apart is that it is a day of fast and abstinence. But the fast on Good Friday is different than the fasting of lent; it is the excited, nervous fasting of anticipation. Think of times like weddings and such where we are too nervous to eat so we basically fast (don't eat) in anticipation of the event, Good Friday has the same connotation.

We begin the service in silence with no procession, there is no need to as this service does not stand alone, remember it is the continuation of what began on Holy Thursday. The priest prostrates himself as a sign of utter humility before God. After the liturgy of the Word has been completed, the cross, the symbol of salvation is brought forward for us to venerate. This is the opportunity for the entire faithful community to humble themselves before the awesome saving action of Christ. After this a simple reception of the Eucharist occurs and all leave the church.

### Holy Saturday:

At this time, the Easter Vigil is the high point of the three day Triduum celebration, celebrated Saturday evening. This celebration is a long one and a necessary one. There are things we do at this mass that are not done at any other time of the year, most importantly is the reception/welcoming of new members into our Church and our parish. We need time to do things well and this is a vigil.

A vigil is a watch kept for an extended period of time. In our own daily lives we keep vigil of many things, we keep vigil by a telephone or in a hospital waiting room for news. We cannot rush a vigil; it must take as long as it takes. The same is true of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. As masses go, it is considerably longer than a Sunday mass. As vigils go, it is relatively short.

### In Summary:

The Easter Vigil is a celebration which continues for three days. Even though we come to church at various times the celebration does not end in the between time of the days, it continues in the homes as well. So in those moments between being together in the church we should live a quieter, simpler life focusing more of our attention on Christ and less on the secular world.

Called by your baptism as a child of God, you are invited to experience the Easter Triduum with all Catholics throughout the world. To experience the fullness of the Triduum is to be present for the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the service on Good Friday, and either the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening or mass on Easter Sunday morning.

See you all there!!!!

God Bless and Peace,

Fr. Ron

# Making Service Your Mission

A **BIG** Thank You goes out to everyone who donated to the Easter Basket project. Especially the 19 youth who put them together!

Thanks to Michelle Dobiesz and Beth Tracey for lending a hand.

Thanks—Nina Dulek, Mike Dobiesz, Emily Carroll, Ian Hill, Alex Koles, Rachel Graveldinger, Paul Lafata, Matt Collazo, Caleb Cordner, Fiodor Kessler, Emily Wojo, Heidi Fluck, Jack Francis, Kelsey Connell, Brent Schumacher, Linsey Hansen, Marigrace Francis, Mattie Kwitkowski and Charlie Swett. We put together 105 baskets for Crossroads for Youth in Oxford. They are always grateful for your generosity.

## Religious Ed

Religious Education classes are rapidly coming to the end of another school year.

We will not have classes during Holy Week. We hope that you will bring your family to the wonderful liturgies planned to help us remember what God has done for us: the “Last Supper”, the “washing of the feet”, the Good Friday “adoration of the cross”, the Easter Vigil and Resurrection Services.

There will be **no** religion classes the week of **March 24/25** as we begin our Easter celebration.

We will **resume** classes on Monday **March 31 & Tuesday April 1**. Then, because Brandon school have a week **off** school we will not have classes **April 7 / 8**.

**There will be classes April 14/15 and April 21/22.**

We will conclude the year with a

**Family Mass**  
**Monday, April 28**  
**7 p.m.**

followed by  
an old fashion ice cream social

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



MOVIE NIGHT  
Thursday, March 27  
8:30 p.m.

## 6th GRADERS

are invited to join the fun by  
attending  
**Middle School  
Youth Ministry**  
starting  
**Thursday**  
**April 3 & 17**  
**7 - 8:30 p.m.**



## Vacation Bible School

June 23-27  
9 a.m.-12 noon

For more information  
to register  
or to volunteer  
just go online to

[www.vacationbibleschool.com/  
churchofstanne](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/churchofstanne)

## OR

Give the Religious Education Office a call @ (248) 627-3965 ext. 130 and ask for Missy.

## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 22

for children  
in grades three and younger  
following the 11 a.m.  
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets



Sponsored by  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

## New Beginning Divorce Recovery

A divorce recovery workshop for men and women of all ages, and all faiths, offers healing and support in dealing with the painful issues of divorce, while promoting recovery and healing.

Beginning **April 2nd**, this group will meet on **Wednesdays** from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** for six weeks in the church conference room at

### St. Anne Church

This workshop is also sponsored by Bethany Peer Support Chapter of North Oakland.

There is no cost to attend this workshop.

For more details contact Marge at (248) 627-8662 or the Bethany website at

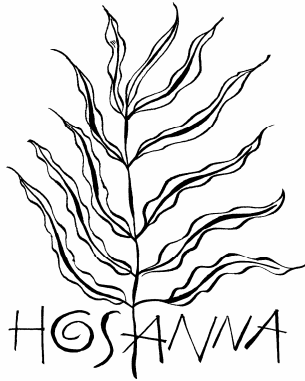
[www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org](http://www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org)

If you have any questions, please contact me at the phone numbers listed below or email me at

[msisson944@yahoo.com](mailto:msisson944@yahoo.com).

Thank you.  
Marge Sisson  
New Beginnings - Divorce Recovery  
Facilitator  
Telephone (248) 627-8662

## Worship



Today we all partake in the reading of the Passion of Christ. As Jesus prepared to meet his fate, he celebrated the feast of Passover, his last supper with his disciples, one of whom we know betrayed him. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' heart was nearly broken with sorrow. Still, he willingly submitted to God's will. Jesus was arrested, beaten and mocked. The verdict of death was pronounced and he was scourged and crucified. Because Judas regretted what he had done, he couldn't live with himself and took his own life. Peter wept because of his denial of Jesus. In the agony of the cross at Calvary, Jesus felt as though even God had abandoned him. It wasn't one of his own disciples, but a pagan soldier who declared the truth that Jesus was indeed the "Son of God."

Jesus did not grasp at equality with God. Rather he emptied himself of glory and power and willingly suffered death for the sake of humanity. He died so that we may live. We should stand speechless before God's suffering servant. He bears all of our infirmities and offenses. He sympathizes with our weaknesses because he himself was human and was tempted in every way that we are. We can approach him with confidence and we know he will understand how we fail, but will love us no matter what. Together, we pray for resurrection in the midst of death.

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### HOLY THURSDAY

**Lectors**—Judy Henley, Judi Pearce  
**Eucharistic Ministers**—Denise Nowakowski, Royann Hassinger, Bob Henley, *Rose Ann Foster (MS)*  
**NEED 4 MORE**  
**Altar Servers**—**NEED 3**  
**Ushers**—Jerry Bellefeuille  
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### LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

**Lectors**—Gerard Schmid, Cynthia Potts  
**Eucharistic Ministers**—Denise Nowakowski, Adele Ferguson,  
**Need 1 more**  
**Altar Servers**—Theresa, Mary Grace & Joseph Schmid  
**Ushers**—Jerry Bellefeuille  
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*Weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
**EASTER**

**Lectors**  
**8:00**—Judy Henley, Connie Stalker, Margaret Lee, Herman Greif  
**8:30**—Gerard Schmid, Judy Schmaltz  
**10:30**—Adele Ferguson, Richard Steenson  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**8:00**—Margie Greif, Bill Souriall, Bob Knowles, *Denise Nowakowski (MS)*  
**NEED 3 MORE**  
**8:30**—Bob Knowles, Bill Souriall, *Rose Ann Foster (MS)*  
**NEED 5 MORE**  
**10:30**—Colleen Kollar, Celina Prince, Joe Claya, Tom & *Kathy Middleton (MS)* **NEED 1 MORE**  
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### Altar Servers

**8:00**—Kyle DeWitt, **need 2 more**  
**8:30**—Mary Grace, Theresa & Joseph Schmid  
**10:30**—Garrett Prince, **need 2 more**  
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### Ushers

**8:00**—**Desperately Needed**  
**8:30**—**Desperately Needed**  
**10:30**—Jerry Bellefeuille, Mark Kwiatkowski  
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### Altar Linen Schedule

**03-16-08**—Marge Sisson  
**03-23-08**—Jean Zubalik  
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### Altar Care Schedule

**03-18-08**—**CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER**  
**03-28-08**—Jedine & Jerry Bellefeuille  
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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each session requires 2 adults per Archdiocesan guidelines. 2 family members count as 1.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30**—Denise VandenBossche  
**10:30**—Mike & Monica Genslak  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**EASTER BREAK**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30**—Gwen Koss  
**10:30**—Sue Roberts  
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**Readings for March 23, 2008**  
**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**  
**Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**  
**Colossians 3:1-4**  
**John 20:1-0**

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### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Our prayer group will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. The pamphlets to pray the Chaplet will be provided. Everyone is welcome!!

### CHURCH CLEANING

Come and help us get the Church clean for Holy Week and Easter. We will meet at **10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your buckets, rags and smiles! The more we have, the faster it goes!

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### TIGER BASEBALL!

I know it is very early, (it's never too early for me, spring training is finally happening!) but since the Tigers are the hottest ticket in baseball this year, I was fortunate enough to be called by a representative for early group ticket orders. There is only one down side. The seats available for group outings have been relegated to one area, the upper box infield seats. These are located behind home plate, but on the upper level. I have 52 tickets and the price has gone up. That's what happens when you have a good team! **The cost will be \$35 per person**, as the cost of the bus has gone up as well. Please call me and reserve your tickets!

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### A prayer for Holy Week—

*God of the living and dying, this week I remember how Jesus emptied himself. I step compassionately inside his passion and death and observe the totality of his giving. As I continue my Lenten practice may I draw strength and courage from his journey. I desire to give myself ever more fully to you. May I be patient with the process of transformation as I wait in hope in my heart. Amen.*

Julie

## Christian Service

Today we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and five days, later, Friday, Good Friday, we remember his death on the cross.

Jesus, who was innocent, was sentenced to death, capital punishment.

As Catholics, we are called to work for the abolition of the death penalty.

"Church teaching holds that if 'bloodless means are sufficient to defend against the aggressor and to protect the safety of person' the states should limit themselves to these means. Non-lethal means "better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person' (CCC, 2267) The Catholic Catechism adds:

"Today, in fact, given the means at the State's disposal to effectively repress crime by rendering inoffensive the one who has committed it, without depriving him definitively of the possibility of redeeming himself, cases of absolute necessity for suppression of the offender "today...are very rare, if not practically non-existent" (p2267 quoting the Gospel of Life, P56).

In the Statement on Capital Punishment (1980), the American bishops agree that modern governments have many ways to repress crime so as to make the need for capital punishment unnecessary. They strongly urge Catholics and American citizens to work to abolish the death penalty. In urging abolition of the death penalty, the bishops are not ignorant of the rising problem of crime. They are very aware of the need to preserve order in society and to work for justice through law. They are also extremely sensitive to both the victims of crime and law enforcement officers who risk their lives defending us. And the bishops are realistic enough to recognize that crime is part of the great mystery of evil and the abuse of human freedom. They know that crime is a very complex reality with no easy answers. Criminals deserve punishment. However, the bishops note that punishment needs justification. The bishops simply do not believe that killing another person is justifiable punishment.

Rather, the American bishops remind us that retribution, deterrence, and reform are the three traditional reasons for punishing someone. However, in the case of capital punishment, the reform of the criminal is impossible, as a dead criminal cannot be reformed. Second, there is little evidence to prove that the death

penalty deters crime. (For example, Pax Christi, USA reports that the average murder rate per 100,000 people in states with capital punishment is about 8% per 100,000 while it is only 4.4% in states that have abolished the death penalty).

Most violent criminals act irrationally. The remote threat of death does not usually enter their minds.

Third, retribution refers to the restoration of the order of justice violated by the criminal acts. But taking the life of a criminal is not necessary to restore the order of justice. For example, consider how barbaric it would be to mutilate a criminal who maimed his victim. By the same token, why do we not consider it inhumane to kill a criminal? Truth be told, revenge often lurks under the surface of why many citizens want to inflict the death penalty. Recall, however, that revenge can never be a just motive for Christians."

### Catholic Social Teaching Learning and Living Justice

by: Michael Pennock

As Catholics, we must continue to struggle to live out the teachings of Jesus and the Church. During this final week of Lent, as we walk with Jesus to the crucifixion, may we prayerfully consider the question of capital punishment and why we do not believe this is an acceptable punishment.

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**Today (Sunday) many volunteers will be working in Hardy Hall sorting food as we prepare for the OCEF Easter Food Distribution on Monday. We will be giving food for Easter dinner to over 140 families from Brandon School District. Your generosity makes this possible. Thank you for your help!**

**Don't forget to sign up to give blood on Good Friday.**

Peace,  
Judy

## Good Friday Collection For The Oakland County Jail Ministry

A basket will be available in the Gathering Area on Good Friday to receive donations for the Jail Ministry of Oakland County Jail through the Chaplains Office. Because of our belief in resurrection and new life we are called to aid the work of the Chaplains with the inmates of our local jail. Thank you for your compassionate generosity.

## Parish Directory

**Administrator: Rev. Ron Richards**  
**Parish Phone: 248-627-3965**  
**Parish Fax: 248-627-5153**  
**Website: www.churchofstanne.org**

## Hotlines

Domestic Violence 800-799-7233  
Project Rachel 888-722-4355

## Parish Staff

**Director of Religious Education**  
Gloria J. Boesch 131  
**Asst. to the Director of Rel. Ed.**  
Melissa Francis 130  
**Christian Service Coordinator**  
Judy Henley 103  
**Worship Coordinator**  
Julie Neal 107  
**Music Director**  
Ingrid Kasper 121  
**Youth Minister**  
Kim Zernec 132  
**Bookkeeper**  
Sheryl Van Fleteren 106  
**Parish Secretary**  
Mary Ann McCarville 100  
**Building Maintenance**  
Steve Szach 100

## Worship Schedule

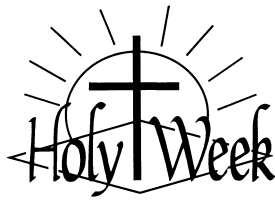
**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM  
**Weekday Masses**  
Monday, 7:30 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 AM  
**Holy Day Masses** 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4:00 PM or by appointment  
**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
Couples should contact the pastor at least six months before the marriage  
**Infant Baptisms**  
Parents contact the parish office

## St. Anne Pastoral Council

Curt Connell 248-627-2211  
Adele Ferguson 248-634-8446  
Trina Lang 248-627-4545  
Doris McCarville 248-628-1622  
Bob Mizejewski 248-627-2641  
Susan Reddy 248-627-4418  
Allan Sagert 248-942-5843  
Nancy Seery 248-625-1871  
Ken Sheperd 248-628-7866  
Marge Sisson 248-627-8662  
John Sowa 248-627-6878  
Brenda Todd 248-627-2738

## The Mission Statement of St. Anne Parish

"We, the people of St. Anne, are a growing Catholic Community with various gifts and talents, and we are open to the Spirit among us. Rooting ourselves in The Word of God, we reach out to all in loving service, witnessing, and celebrating the life of Jesus Christ in our midst."



### Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharist Adoration until Midnight

### Good Friday

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive  
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
1:00 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday  
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at St. Anne

### Holy Saturday

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Family Easter Food Baskets followed by Easter Egg Hunt for grades 3 and younger  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass followed by a Reception in Hardy Hall

### Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



### **Wine Tasting April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The St. Anne Spring Wine Tasting evening will be Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in Hardy Hall. We will have sign up after masses on March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, you can call Bob Henley 627-3822 or the Parish Office 627-3965.

**Reservations must be made by Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy a great evening of fun & fellowship. The price is still only \$25 per person.

We are proud to announce that Robert & Norm will be returning to be our presenters for the evening. As a special attraction at the Charity Auction, Robert is offering a private wine tasting party for 10. Get your group together to bid on this fantastic opportunity to spend an evening with Robert & Norm and taste some wonderful wines. Last year's winners turned this into a dinner party; got any better ideas???

### **Book Club News**

The Book Club will meet on Monday evening, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Hardy Hall to discuss the book, The Lottery, by Patricia Wood. We will also discuss last month's selection, A Thread of Grace. Please join us for an interesting discussion of both books.

Our April selection is, Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross.

### **Catholic Book Store**

will be at  
**St. Anne Church  
Hardy Hall  
after weekend Masses**

**March 29/30**

**They will have books, religious articles, First Communion items, etc. available.**

### **Eucharistic Celebrations**

#### **Saturday, March 15, 2008**

5:00 p.m. Patrick Lamb (Healing) req. by Tom & Ruth Rogan; Frances Henley req. by Julie & Tim Neal; Roberta Noble req. by Vivian Lambrecht; Paul Kelly req. by Margaret Cleary; Richard Siring & Filomena Dubis req. by the Siring Family

#### **Sunday, March 16, 2008**

8:30 a.m. Odah Cade (1st Anniv.) req. by Barbara Racher; Sam Klinkhamer req. by Geny Klinkhamer  
10:30 a.m. Vivian Kruchko req. by Irene Kruchko, Delphine Van Fleteren req. by Family; Dr. Ariston Lopez (Healing) req. by Family; Ricardo Lopez (Healing) req. by Family

#### **Monday, March 17, 2008**

7:30 p.m. People of St. Anne

#### **Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

9:30 a.m. Homeless & Unemployed

#### **Thursday, March 20, 2008**

7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharist Adoration until Midnight

#### **Friday, March 21, 2008 Good Friday**

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
1:00 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday  
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service.

#### **Saturday, March 22, 2008**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

#### **Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008**

8:30 a.m. People of St. Anne  
10:30 a.m. People of St. Anne

### **Please Pray For The Intentions Of**

Tom Larson...Sawyer Larson...Bob Larson...Judy Hardy...Geraldine Quarrella...Ruth Legault...Mrs. Belczak...Mrs. Lott...Shirley Sandoval...Len Palmer...Sue Kernohan...Glennis Deisinger...Theresa Ilkka...Edward Burns...Geny Klinkhamer...Joan Ball...Jean Rousseau...Tom Bleau...Bill Hamill...Jen Ballantyne...Deloris Cusick...Peter Rosenthal...Robert S. Thompson, brother-in-law of Gwen Roberts...Robin Mishler...Margaret Lee...Nancy Seery...Nassir Bitti...Joseph Wilcox...Roger Hendricks...George Seile...Elizabeth Allison...Jacquie Schwartz...Fred Lentz...Emily Hansel...Karen Johnson...Stephanie Thompson

### **Votive Candle Intention**

For the week of March 17-23, 2008

In memory of  
Walter & Bernice McKenna

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

You know Catholic Relief Services helps people around the world—and some of them may be your own neighbors! Our diocese keeps one quarter of the funds raised through Operation Rice Bowl to assist the needy of our own community. Please bring your Rice Bowls back to church on Holy Thursday or anytime during the next two weeks. There are envelopes in the gathering area that can be used. Your gift does make a difference!



**Blood Drive at St. Anne  
Good Friday**

**March 21, 2008  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Call the Parish Office for an appointment or Drop in's Welcome!**

# Youth Ministry News:

## LAST CALL FOR "SUBIACO RETREAT"!!

If you are interested in a weekend of relaxation, growing closer to God and meeting new friends, sign up NOW! The retreat house is in Oxford-April 4th-6th and the cost is \$95 & Permission slips are due this week.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS WAS BEAUTIFUL!

Thank you to: Kyle & Trevor DeWitt, Jake & Rachel Graveldinger, Ashlyn & Tom Skornicka, Rachel Thompson & Caitlin Williams. They did a wonderful re-enactment with such passion.

We were blessed with the opportunity to serve at "Center Stage", a homeless shelter in Pontiac last Saturday. I was blessed to serve along with Cameron Craig, Dan Daley, Dylan Everett, Brooke Fisher, Eleni Gaves, Bill Hancock, Alissa, Megan & Susan Reddy. Each of their families donated Eggs, Bacon, Sausage & Orange Juice to feed our Brothers and Sisters who may only receive one meal a day. We were able to donate lots of personal care items, blankets, hats, scarves and gloves thanks to all the generous parishioners here at St. Anne. Those who received were extremely grateful and those who gave truly gave from their heart. Blessings to all of you.

Young people are stepping up to do the "Adult Foster Care" visits! Nina Dulek, Marigrace Francis, & Linsey Hansen helped at Regina House and Bill Hancock, Kristine Jones & Cassie Kambradt helped at Nature's Way. Thank you for giving of yourselves.

"Game Works" was a Great Success due to the adults who made sure everything went smoothly and the youth who behaved so well. A Huge Thank You to my husband Dan, who went in my place once the date changed from March 14th to March 7th and I was due to work at Center Stage on the 8th (Can't go without sleep and then serve with a positive attitude). Also thank you to Ken Sheperd, Dick Wood, Elizabeth Neuville, Sue Reo, Mark Kwiatkowski, Matt Lafata, Michelle Hobbs and Rick Steenson for chaperoning and/or driving for this event. It takes a lot of coordination to get 37 youth to and from an event and make sure they all are riding with a friend, etc.

**THANK YOU QUILT CLUB FOR THE BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE "PRAYER QUILT" FOR NASSIR BITTI.** It really meant a lot to the entire youth group to be able to tie the prayer knots. Nassir & Teresa Bitti's daughters are very active in our youth group and so near and dear to all of us. Continued Prayers Nassir.

**Reminder - Those going on the Mission Trip along with their parents will meet March 19th 7-9 p.m.**

## Stewardship Corner

### Parish Support

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2007/June 30, 2008

### Weekly Budget

Sunday contribution.....\$8,622.00 (100%)

### March

1st Sunday, Received.....\$9,350.32 (108%)

2nd Sunday, Received.....\$6,806.58 \*78%)

3rd Sunday, Received.....

4th Sunday, Received.....

### Weekend of March 8/9, 2008

Amount in envelopes.....\$6,125.00

Loose monies.....\$681.58

Weekly under budget.....\$1,815.42

Yearly under budget.....\$20,887.57

## Automated Electronic Offertory

We currently have 28 families enrolled in Automated Electronic Offertory. If you have taken advantage of this type of payment system for your mortgage or utilities, you know the convenience and security an electronic payment can provide. Automated Electronic Offertory is an ideal way for parishioners to serve Christ through their treasures. To sign up, simply stop by the parish office for an enrollment form or contact our bookkeeper, Sheryl Van Fleteren at (248) 627-3965, ext. 106 to have a form mailed to your home.

**NO REGULAR YOUTH GROUP MARCH 19th or MARCH 26th DUE TO EASTER CELEBRATION.**

### **ONLY 4 YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS LEFT:**

Those presently in 8th grade are welcome to join us for all of these dates. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and hoping you will come get to know us too. Don't miss this opportunity to build your list of "Real" friends. Dates-April 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th 7-9 p.m.

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS & SINGERS**

If you are in High School and would be willing to share your talent with the parish on Mother's Day, please contact Kim @ Ext. 132. Let's Praise Our Mom's!

### **Community Service Opportunities Available:**

- April 13th 2-4 p.m. Adult Foster Care Visits
- April 26th Rebuilding Together (Christmas in April)
- May 30th-June 1st-Special Olympics

\*\*\*PLEASE CALL KIM TO SIGN UP NOW\*\*\*

Have a Blessed Week, Kim