



June 2010

FROM THE PASTOR

By the time you receive this Newsletter, schools will have ended classes for the summer or will be close to doing so. People may be anticipating upcoming vacations and be thinking about winding down for the summer. However, here at Saint Cecilia Church, the month of June will be quite a busy one as we have many activities going on.

The activities include such things as Vacation Bible School, the beginning of another series of Bible Study sessions called the Great Adventure. In addition, Saint Cecilia is hosting young pastoral musicians from throughout the diocese for an experience called Gaudeamus and a Mass celebrating significant wedding anniversaries for couples from throughout the diocese. More details about all these events can be found in this Newsletter or in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that preparations are already underway for the Annual Saint Cecilia Festival. The Festival will be a bit earlier this year than it has been in past years so as to avoid conflicting with other area parish festivals and the beginning of the fall sports seasons.

In thinking about all these things, it came to me that while having leisure time and vacation time is quite important, necessary and healthy, the reality is that there is no such thing as taking a vacation from being a Christian and acting like one by being a person of prayer and service.

By being a person of prayer, I am referring to the importance of participating in communal prayer; namely Sunday Eucharist. During his Homily at this past April's Confirmation Mass, Bishop Campbell shared with the Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, parents and all present about the necessity of regular participation in the sacramental life of the Church so as to fulfill our commitment to Christ who is always faithful to His commitment to us. A few days later, I too shared with the First Communicants that it is vital that they receive the Eucharist regularly. One of my biggest frustrations as a pastor has always been having to ask myself where many of the First Communicants and newly Confirmed are on the very first Sunday following their First Communion or Confirmation. While I am very aware that there are many Catholics who in the present day do not see regular presence at Sunday Mass as being essential, the fact of the matter is that since the very beginning of the Church, the followers of Jesus gathered on what they called the Lord's Day for the sharing of the story, the blessing and breaking of the bread and the sharing/drinking of the cup. Why? It is because this is what Jesus asked them and us to do! If someone you love, just before their death, were to ask you to do something, wouldn't you do it even if it was something to be done more than once?

Also, all Christians are to be charitable and loving at all times and in all places. In a sense, Christian living is a 24/7 vocation and not something that we can put on the shelf.

I, indeed, pray that the upcoming summer months will truly be a time of renewal, rest, and joy for all!

Father Leo Connolly

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JUNE 6

The West Deanery's special celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi will be held at St. Aloysius Church. The purpose is to promote and foster devotion to Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist; to pray for vocations, the healing of the sick and the poor.

- 1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1 - 4 p.m. Adoration
- 4:00 p.m. Closing Procession, Solemn Benediction with the Most Rev. James Griffin, retired Bishop of Columbus as Presider

A reception will follow Benediction in the church service center behind St. Aloysius Church. The church and service center are handicapped-accessible. The church is located at Clarendon Avenue and West Broad Street.

BINGO TEAM SCHEDULES

Our grateful thanks to the new team members who signed up last month! We were able to add to nearly every team thanks to them.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Bingo Team Member or Substitute, please call the Parish Office (878-5353). Teams work every five weeks, about 4 hours an evening. Each team works 10 or 11 times in one year.

Team Members, please clip and save this schedule of dates for Summer 2010. As always, if you are going to miss a scheduled date for your team, please use the list of volunteers to obtain a substitute. If you need a replacement list of workers, please call (878-5353) or stop in the Parish Office.

	Sunday	Tuesday
Team 1	June 20 *, July 25, August 29	June 22, July 7, August 11
Team 2	June 27, August 1, September 5 **	June 29, August 3
Team 3	(No bingo July 4), August 8	July 6, August 10
Team 4	June 6, July 11, August 15***	June 8, July 13, August 17
Team 5	June 13, July 18, August 22	June 15, July 20, August 24

* = Father's Day ** = Labor Day Weekend *** = Parish Festival Weekend

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Through your gifts, the St Vincent de Paul Society was able to assist 90 families with food delivery, rent, utilities, transportation and medicine in the first four months of 2010. We made over 6,000 sandwiches for St Lawrence Haven for the hungry and homeless.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. We are very grateful to those who were able to contribute funds at our "Fifth Sunday Collection" on May 29 and 30. The next month with five Sundays will be August.

Save the Date! The annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Last year, St. Cecilia had twelve parishioners participate in this event and raised approximately \$2500, all of which was used to make sandwiches for the St. Lawrence Haven's daily food line. Please consider walking in the event this year to help raise funds to reduce poverty in our local community. Stay tuned for more details

PARISH FESTIVAL 2010 - SAVE THE DATES!!!

Friday, August 13 5:00 p.m. – Midnight Saturday, August 14 4:00 p.m. - Midnight

Festival Chairpersons: We will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 16th starting at 7:00 p.m. Please make an effort to attend or send a representative.

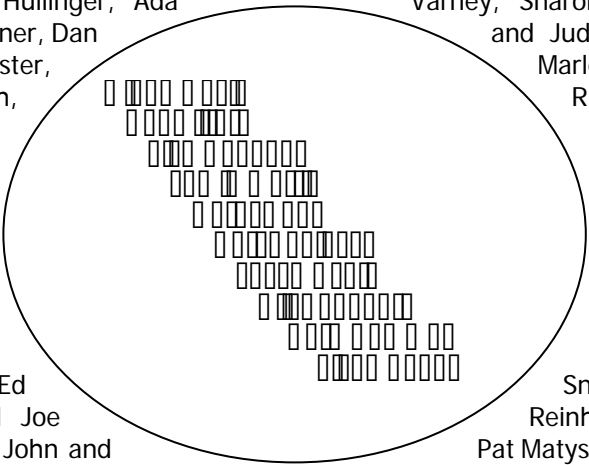
Volunteers are needed! The Festival can only be a success when everyone helps! To volunteer, you may fill out a Volunteer Form and return it to us, go to the Parish Festival on our parish website, or

simply call the person listed for your area(s) of interest. Two-hour time shifts are suggested. Teens in need of Service Hours are encouraged to help with the Children's Games, the Food Tent, or in the Snack Booth.

Raffle tickets for our Major Awards will be available in July. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for an announcement when they come in. Remember, we have Early Bird Drawings for sellers of tickets, and you won't want to miss the deadline for the turn-ins!

IT TAKES A CHURCH

The ten adults who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil entered a vibrant, caring, believing Church. They did not make this decision alone or in isolation; throughout they were advised, taught, supported by a whole church. Here are some of them who served as sponsors, prayer partners, or catechists, or who provided refreshments or reading material for the catechetical sessions, or who shared their individual talents. Many more prayed or greeted or otherwise touched their lives and their names are known but to God.

Alex McFarland, Rose Capretta, Mary Nininger, Rita Stepka, Tonia Lancia, Kim Gutheil, Rosa Lee Ladyga, Bethany Rhodes, Cheri Singer, Carole Ditalia, Winnie McFarland, Mandy Helmink, Debra Dixon, Vicki Capretta, Kitty Sirkoski, Dawn Hullinger, Ada Fleshman, Sue Hiltbrunner, Dan Budd, Joan Chester, Fillinger, Laura Rauch, June Bergman, Michael Thomas Brosmer, O'Loughlin, Sue Carlene Hamilton, Gregg Schaner, Laura Bob Bochy, Karry Breeze, Annie Gordon, O'Connell, Yolanda Danjell, Barb and Ed Armstrong, Betty and Joe Factor, Eileen Quickel, John and Byron, JoAnn Swaneck, Jeff Adams, Charlotte Adams, Rob Lancia, Barb Cunningham, Joseph and Lee Grantonic, Sharon Silleck, the Parish Executive Council, the prayer groups, those who contributed through SCRIP or their envelopes, the liturgical ministers, the fourth grade students, fifth grade PSR students, and Zach McFarland.		Varney, Sharon Brown, Carole Yeager, Judy and Judy Jasper, Janet Sheehan, Nikki Marlene Keyes, Pat Darby, Debbie Rita Crissinger, Tammy Bergman, Case, Fr. Leo Connolly, Fr. Kathy Maggied, Jane Baker, Tony Stout, Jim Martin, Jerry Freewalt, Monica and Hay, Dana Ingle, Marty Aellig, Ellis, Chelsea Mondesir, LeeAnn Sheila Korn, Rose and Tom Phillips, Jerry Rea, Barbara Snyder, Jan Robbins, Beth Reinhard, Marvin Robinson, Joan Pat Matyskella, Rose Marie Evans, Meredith
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HAVE YOU TRIED THE PARISH SCRIP PROGRAM?

Our SCRIP Program has gift cards available after every 5:00 p.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses, except holiday weekends. These are cash-and-carry and are first-come, first-served. Personal checks are accepted for payment, but not debit or credit cards.

The program has expanded! For those unexpected trips to the store, the parish office has a limited inventory of our most popular gift cards. Stop by during office hours 9am-4pm to purchase. Best of all, you have the option of placing your own personal order online. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com; create a free account with our organization's number EA1A51772234. There you may choose from hundreds of gift cards and enjoy the convenience of paying online. Please list how you would like the order delivered: picked up at Mass or at the parish office. All orders placed before 5pm on Mondays will be available for delivery by the following Friday.

If you wish to designate a parish group of your choice, including a school or PSR family, please e-mail a request to Kim Jackson at krjackson@wowway.com. Call Kim with questions, 851-8389.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD PARISH ITEMS

CONGRATULATIONS! We wish to acknowledge the three servers from our parish selected for the 48th Annual *Serra Club Altar Servers Awards*, an award presented annually by the Serra Club of Columbus. They are Julia Hall, Jeffrey Menshouse, Jr. and Christian Noonan. They joined other honorees for a ceremony held on May 9 at St. Joseph Cathedral. Sixteen other servers received certificates from the Serra Club in recognition of their service through eighth grade. We are sincerely grateful to all of them.

MONTHLY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Day Chapel from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 4 through 4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 5. For the adoration in June, please pray particularly for all families who have suffered a loss through death, divorce, or separation. In July, we will not have the adoration because of the July 4th holiday weekend.

NEW ADULT PARISH VOLUNTEERS - Don't miss out! A *Protecting God's Children* session is scheduled here on Wednesday, June 9 at 6:15 p.m. This is one of the diocesan criteria for all adults who assist with any of our programs which involve children. Please register online at www.virtus.org (If you do not have Internet Access, please call Regina Quinn at 241-2565).

INDEPENDENCE DAY - On Sunday, July 4, our nation celebrates its founding. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Red Cross and our Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who donated to the Blood Drive held here in May. Our next Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, September 16.

CALLING ALL QUILTER WANNABEES: Have you ever wanted to try quilting? If you can sew a basic running stitch, we can show you how to do the rest! The St. Cecilia Quilt Group meets on Monday evenings at 6:45 pm. Come join us for fun and fellowship in the School Cafeteria -- and maybe learn a new skill. If you have questions, call Becky at 403-7739.

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: We are in need of shampoo; toothpaste; toilet paper; jelly; pineapple; and beef stew. Always needed are canned fruits and vegetables; tuna; Jell-o; boxed meals (such as Hamburger Helper); canned spaghetti sauce.

ELSEWHERE

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES for married couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th Anniversary and any year thereafter will be held on Sunday, June 27th at St. Cecilia Church, at 3 p.m. The occasion includes a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and a reception in your honor. Call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 241-2560 to register for yourselves and any guests by Friday, June 18.

GAUDEAMUS MMX, a High School Liturgical Music Event sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus, will take place on June 12 at Saint Cecilia Church. Professional Vocal Instruction; Organ & Brass Master Class Instruction; t-shirt and meals provided. A morning Adult Workshop is also available. For more information and registration, call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 241-2565. Applications also at www.colsdioc.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – we're getting ready to follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure in our *SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School!* Daily themes and Scripture stories include:

Monday –	<i>Get It!</i>	Which Soil Are You?	Matthew 13:1-23
Tuesday –	<i>Get Found!</i>	Lost Sheep	Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday –	<i>Get God's Love!</i>	An Unlikely Neighbor	Luke 10:25 - 37
Thursday –	<i>Get Praying!</i>	The Midnight Knocker	Luke 11:1 - 13
Friday –	<i>Get Going!</i>	Use It or Lose It	Matthew 25:14-30

Our Bible School meets from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, June 21st – 25th. We will mail out confirmation notices to the families registered for the program the second week of June. Please call 878-0133 if you do NOT receive this notice of registration by June 10! You may also phone if you have questions about the program itself.

PARENT BAPTISM CLASS – Are you a new or expectant parent who will have your infant baptized in our parish? Please plan to attend a Parent Baptism Class. Our next scheduled class is June 13. It will meet in Meeting Room A at 1:00 p.m. Families who wish to attend should call the Parish Office (878-5353) to pre-register for this session. We would like both parents to attend. Godparents are most welcome!

P.S.R. PROGRAM – Our 2009-2010 program ended on May 16 & 17 with a closing service. Students who qualified received Certificates of Perfect Attendance. Our priests came to bless religious gifts brought in by the First Communicants and Confirmands, as well as to give a final blessing for our families in the program. At this last class session, the students also were given their final Pupil Progress Reports and either a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Attendance.

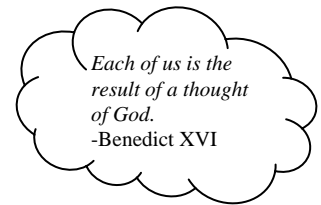
We wish to thank our Staff Members for their dedication this past year. We would not be able to offer classes to our parish families without their commitment to this ministry. We are grateful for the prayer support of our parish community for these staff members. Additional staff help is needed for 2010-2011. Sessions for preschool through 8th grades meet Sundays at 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; we also have Monday sessions for grades 1 through 8 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. If you are considering this ministry, please call 878-0133.

We expect that Registration Forms for the 2010-2011 P.S.R. year will be available by August. We will send forms to all parish families whose children completed the 2009-2010 year. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call 878-0133. We also ask that our current families let us know if your address will be changing, or if you will not be returning in the fall. A reminder: due to sacramental preparations, attendance in 1st or 7th grade religion classes is a prerequisite to enroll in 2nd or 8th grades, respectively.

We remind our families that you have the option to save on P.S.R. tuition by using the SCRIP program. If you have not yet done so, we suggest that you look into the many gift cards for stores and restaurants which are offered. Also, if you are a Kroger shopper, please make sure you register your Plus card! The cards need to be registered each year by May 1st to earn rewards. All purchases made in 2010 will go towards the tuition for 2011-2012; any purchases you made in 2009 will go for the 2010-2011 year.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

*God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death. **Empower us to work for justice for the poor.** Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Moving on to specific ways we respect life: justice for the poor. Note that our prayer is for empowerment, work, and justice.

“The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of a modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and Episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents.”
(<http://www.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa/catholic/resources.shtml>)

Both the web sites of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) and the Diocese of Columbus Office of Social Concerns (colodioc.org/Offices) provide access to many of these documents as well as other resources to help us to put our prayer into action. For instance, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development ([usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa)) has “Easy Ways to Get Involved”:

“Understanding the issues of poverty. Discovering easy ways to make a difference. Acting in the community. Giving your attention, your time, your resources. There are so many ways to get involved and help end poverty for good. And they all start here:

- **LEARN** – The first step to solving a problem is understanding it — learning about the root causes of poverty and how people are finding success in ending it.
- **ACT** -- You can help increase awareness of poverty in America and advocate for change in your community.
- **GIVE** -- Whether it’s giving your time and talent, donating materials or money, or contributing resources, you can make a difference in the lives of the nearly 37 million Americans who are working for independence from poverty.”

Each has links to ways you can learn, act, and give.

THE RESPECT LIFE GROUP’S SPIRITUALLY ADOPTIVE BABY PROJECT

Our baby is now starting his 3rd month of life. The Baby’s hands and feet are well-developed, and in the ninth week, he starts to grow fingernails and toenails. By the end of the month, the little one is able to grab, kick, and curl his toes. Perhaps the biggest change in the third month is that we can differentiate the girls from the boys. The baby begins to open his mouth, and if a finger brushes his mouth, he might suck it.