



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Parish Newsletter

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Angel Food Ministry

Our Lady of Lourdes is a host site for Angel Food Ministries, which is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing low cost food relief to anyone in need. There are no qualifications, no income restrictions and no application to fill out. Food may be paid for with either cash, check or food stamps.

Order forms are available in the back of Our Lady of Lourdes Church or in various places out in the community. Order forms contain the current month's food selections, order dates and pick-up dates. Volunteers to assist with the program are always welcome. Please contact Paul Alexander (302-628-0630) for more information.

Hospitality Ministry

We are preparing for the May Fair on May 9, 2009. If you have some time to spare come help us setting up, May 4 thru May 8, or help us on the day of the fair. We will have a bake table but because we cannot call 900 families to donate, we hope this newsletter will serve as a reminder to please bake for the fair. We need a large assortment of baked items. You can bring them to the parish hall on Friday May 8, 8 am to 6 pm.

We have some space in the garage for your other treasures now. Questions or need something picked up? Call Min, 629-0367. You will find more information on the 3 Bulletin Boards in the church. Raffle tickets may be picked up in church. The Hospitality Ministry will prepare lunch following the Anointing Mass on April 26 and the Confirmation luncheon on June 13.

KNIGHTLY NEWS

To Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community

Ernie Davis, Grand Knight, St. Molua Council #4075

I wish to express my sincere thanks to our parish community for their outstanding support of our Lenten Friday night Fish Dinners. Even in the face of a poor economy our attendance grew significantly over past years. A special thanks to my fellow Knights and their wives for the many long hours they worked preparing and serving the dinners. My thanks also to all of you who helped set up for the dinners and then stayed afterwards to clean the hall. Because of the wonderful support from our community we will once again be able to offer a partial college scholarship to one of our youth in the parish.

The Knights of Columbus has scheduled several events for the parish: For example, on May 11 the Living Rosary will be recited in church at 6:30 and on May 17, Dr. Steve Carey will be the featured speaker at the Communion Breakfast following the 8:30 Mass. Also mark your calendar for May 30 for the rededication of the hall after the 5:30 Mass. This event will include a free spaghetti dinner. The Knights have summer plans as well: The June 6 Sock Hop and the August 16 Pool Party.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Members of the Parish Council expressed gratitude to outgoing members as they ended three-year terms earlier this year. Last June the following new members were welcomed: Bridget Wheatley, Colleen DeMott, Linda Massino and Jim Gardner.

- The council provided leadership while working with the building and maintenance committee on the completion of the new bathroom. Also completed is the renovation of the church entrance to better accommodate funeral processions. Other projects included the upgrading of parish committees and ministries to assure their compliance with council by-laws.

- To promote stronger friendship and draw everyone to a closer knit of parishioners wearing nameplates during social functions was thought to be a good starting point. The Parish Council strongly supports the Angel Food

Ministry under the leadership of Paul Alexander and Ed Boardman. Council goals include publishing an updated parish directory.

R.C.I.A. REUNION A supper for R.C.I.A. members and their families was hosted by the Legion of Mary in our parish hall on Thursday, April 23. Thanks to the initiative of the Legion, this annual event welcomes those who entered the Catholic community at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, it provides the opportunity of a reunion for those who were received into our Church family through the R.C.I.A. in previous years. All of them appreciated the chance to gather with friends who had been companions on the same journey of faith.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES LEGION OF MARY The Legion of Mary is celebrating its 30th year at Our Lady of Lourdes. We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the parish rectory. The Legion is a world-wide organization with more than one million members. For more information contact Regina Haerer at 629-7336. The Legion assists Fr. Hurley in celebrating Mass on the second Monday of the month at Seaford Center (Genesis). Members also lead the Rosary at Genesis every Friday at 3:45 p.m. Legionary, Mary McCauley, makes rosaries to distribute to our parishioners, patients in Nursing Homes and hospital.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry is continuing to offer our youth opportunities for growth in their faith through spiritual, service, and social activities/events. We attended the Annual Vigil & March for Life in Wash DC, and stayed at Holy Redeemer College. In our monthly youth masses we have added a choir and cantor and 3 youth guitarists. Upcoming events include participation in the Confirmation mass, continuing to help with the Angel Food Network distribution, annual pool party and elections, fundraisers for our up-coming trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference, consisting of Basket Bingo's, an Italian dinner, and a car wash/yard sale. Look for these and other upcoming events in the bulletin.

As always, we thank and appreciate the extra effort of everyone who participates and helps in all our events from our music for masses to extra drivers and donations from our parishioners. We are truly blessed to have so many talented and active youth in our ministry.

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GROUP

The "Year of Saint Paul," which commemorates the 2000th anniversary of his birth, will conclude on his feast, June 29. The attention given to the Apostle Paul this year has had an impact on Catholics throughout the world. Thousands of people have responded with enthusiasm to Pope Benedict's appeal to rediscover Saint Paul and find spiritual nourishment in his writings.

In his visit to our country last year, as in his personal visits to other parts of the world, the Holy Father has urged Catholics to acquire a deeper understanding of God's Word by prayerful reading and study of Scripture. He would be pleased by the number of people who are doing this. In our own parish, adult Bible discussion groups have been well attended, including three series during the "Year of Saint Paul." A final series, focusing on "Paul and Friends in Corinth," will be offered on Tuesdays during May and June. Come and bring your friends! Please check the bulletin for exact dates.

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