



MASSES & SACRAMENTS

- Saturday:** 6:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Liturgy for little ones (Sept - May)
LifeTeen Mass - 1st & 3rd Sat.
- Sunday:** 7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Choir Mass (Sept - May)
Liturgy for Little Ones (Sept - May)
- Weekdays:** 6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Holy Days:** 6:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Christmas - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Midnight,
7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
New Years Day - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Saturdays at 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
Thurs. before first Fridays at 4:00 p.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism:**
The third weekend of the month.
Baptism Class generally first Monday
of the month.
- Sacrament of Marriage:**
Please contact Parish office no later
than six months prior.
- Sacrament of Anointing:**
Please contact the parish office
before entering hospital or for any
emergency anointing.

Respect and Reverence in Church

By Fr. Gilmary Tallman, O.F.M. Cap.

There are two reasons for this article. First, it's a good idea to remind ourselves that the church is a sacred place, and that liturgy is a grace-filled time when we draw close to God. We all tend to get a little careless about our behavior in church. Also, we live in a very informal age. Nowadays, it seems, "anything goes!"

The second reason for this is the fact that I often hear complaints about people's behavior. So here are some reminders about the reverence we need to show at all times.

Genuflecting. The genuflection is an act of reverence and love for the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. A genuflection is used only for the Eucharist. Done correctly, the right knee should touch the floor. Some people make a genuflection that looks more like a curtsy. Unless the Eucharist is in a side room, we genuflect when we come into church, just before entering the pew, also when we leave. And whenever we pass the tabernacle (usually in the middle of the church), we genuflect. This holds for all times, with one exception. In the 1960's and 70' a lot of people, for some reason, got into the habit of bowing, instead of genuflecting. Kids from Holy Family still tend to do this. Greek Catholics bow; Latin Catholics genuflect. We are Latin Catholics.

The one exception is **during Mass**. Once Mass has started, our attention is directed to the altar, where the great miracle of Christ's presence happens. So during Mass we **bow** to the altar. Again, the rule: we genuflect to the Eucharist; we bow to the altar during Mass. (Let's keep in mind that those who cannot genuflect without pain should bow to the Eucharist. Common sense should always prevail.)

Receiving Communion. We approach the minister of Communion, bow to the Eucharist, hold out our hands, flat, one above the other, and answer "Amen" to "The Body of Christ." No sign of the cross before or after is called for. Of

course one may receive on the tongue instead of the hand. When receiving the Blood of Christ from the cup, we do the same: bow, say "Amen," and carefully take the cup. Please, use both hands.

Traffic during Mass. Most of you don't see this, but sometimes there is a lot of wandering in the back of the church during Mass. Some traffic is necessary. A restroom break is sometimes necessary, but one would hope that kids are reminded before they leave home to take care of that. And it is certainly commendable when parents take a noisy baby to the cry room instead of disturbing the whole church.

Respectful silence. The custom of silence has certainly changed over the years, and not for the better. There used to be almost total silence in church, which was very impressive. But I don't suppose we can expect that now. Still, we should keep in mind where we are, and that loud talking, yelling, and laughing are usually not necessary. After Mass it sometimes sounds like a gymnasium after a basketball game. I think people who want to pray have a valid complaint. But people will see old friends in church, and since we don't have a gathering space like modern churches, there will be some talking.

And people still ask about **holding hands**. You know, some people love this; others hate it. This is not called for in the liturgy. It found its way in from Protestant services. Protestants bow their heads in prayer, love spontaneous prayers, and hold hands. None of these are part of Catholic tradition. Holding hands is never mentioned in the instructions. Our sign of unity is Holy Communion.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN PROJECT

By Carol Brull

The St. Joseph's Parish Food Pantry reaches out to provide basic staples for needy individuals and families in our area. Sr. Janet LeDuc thought it would be wonderful to be able to offer some fresh produce to these people as well and to build community along the way. Since she moved into a new house with a yard last summer, she felt she had the perfect place for a garden to accomplish this vision.

In early March she mailed letters to a number of parishioners asking for their help in this endeavor. Her efforts have been rewarded with many donations of time, work, and materials. The area was tilled, received some new soil, composted, and re-tilled. The St. Joseph K or C put up a simple four foot fence to keep rabbits, etc. out. Northwestern Printers donated a weatherproof sign that read "St. Joseph's Garden", tomato plants which were donated by Allen Ashmore have been planted, and Father Gilmary blessed the garden after Easter. More plants and seeds will be going in now that the weather has warmed up.

Donations to help support the St. Joseph's Neighborhood Garden Project may be sent to the Parish Service Center marked "GARDEN PROJECT".

For more information and pictures of this new parish project, you can go to the web site at www.stj-church.com.



Roger Rife, Alton Ashmore, Sr. Janet, Fr. Gilmary, Martha Brungardt participate in the blessing of the St. Joseph's Garden.

STEWARDS OF HOPE QUARTERLY REPORT

By Barbara Beran, chairperson

The Stewards of Hope Committee met on April 12. The quarterly report to the Vicariate was prepared. In it the committee indicated that they have reviewed the bishop's Pastoral Plan, written a Structure and Operating Procedures document, asked for input from commissions, parish staff, and Pastoral Council on the study guide provided by the diocese, and informed parishioners through homilies, the bulletin, "The Carpenter", and the parish website.

In addition, the committee listed a number of activities that they have either planned or already accomplished to meet the SOH goals. These include participation in the Heartland Parishes Mission, hosting missionaries to speak at Mass, sponsored a Mass and reception for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and Handicapped, and provided opportunities for prayer and reflection through Lenten retreats and literature for adults and children. Afternoon Stations of the Cross for Older Adults was offered for those who find it

difficult to attend evening Stations. A scriptural rosary is planned in place of afternoon stations after Lent. Education on the upcoming liturgical changes have been provided through videos and bulletin inserts. Lay witnesses spoke on their commitment to stewardship prior to sending out Stewardship Renewal forms to all parishioners, and thank you calls were made to those who returned their forms. Finally, the SOH committee stated that they felt they were ahead of schedule in terms of keeping up with the General Implementation Schedule. They will meet in July and again in August to insure we are still on schedule and to review the responses from pastoral council, finance council, commissions, committees, and parish staff to the study guide for Bishop Coakley's Pastoral Letter. Recommendations will then be sent to the Pastoral Council for their consideration and implementation.

"Keep It Simple, Sweetie."

By Cindy Hertel



"Keep it simple, sweetie." It's the motto by which Sister Mary Catherine Grief lives, one that has helped her in the position she has held for 17 years at St. Joseph Parish as minister to the homebound and elderly.

Keeping life as simple as possible allows Sister to keep up with a hectic schedule that would tire many. Each month Sister Mary Catherine visits between 150 and 220 elderly parishioners in their homes, independent apartments, assisted living facilities, and skilled nursing centers. She spends approximately 30 minutes with each person listening to stories, concerns, and interests.

"The best part is getting to know each person and each story," said Sister. "As the weeks go by, the puzzle surrounding each person becomes clearer."

A native of the northwest side of Chicago, Sister Mary Catherine took her final vows with the Sister of St. Agnes in 1956 and graduated from the St. Agnes School of Nursing, a path that would have a direct influence on her current ministry. After graduating from nursing school, she became head nurse of the St. Agnes School of Nursing's geriatric unit and taught student nurses to care for the elderly. Later she earned a master's degree from Marquette University and began teaching cardiovascular nursing at Marian College. After several years, she was invited to evaluate the fledgling nursing program at Colby Community College and was offered the opportunity to direct the program, a position held for 13 years, along with directing a similar program in Norton.



STATE OF THE PARISH

MAY 2011 by Carol Brull



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When I first joined the Pastoral Council 6 years ago, I was amazed at all the things happening in our parish. During the past year (May, 2010-May, 2011), St. Joseph's Parish has continued to grow in many ways. Fifty-one new families have joined our parish since May of 2010. Five adults joined the Church at Easter. We have continued our numerous ministries and added new ones.

We once again have two daily Masses with homilies. There are also many other prayer opportunities including Liturgy of the Hours, vespers, benedictions, To Jesus Through Mary Prayer Group, and the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and prayer services to mention a few. New this year was the Stations of the Cross for Older Adults on Wednesday afternoons. In addition to the rosary being said before Mass, people were encouraged to pray silently, and Silent Method of Prayer cards were available in the pews. The existing Prayer Chain was improved through reorganization with information found on the parish website.

We have had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities to learn and understand more about our faith. Various retreats and adult education classes including "Pray All Ways", "Journaling-Contemplative Writing for Advent", "The Word is Spoken Here", "Seven Last Words of Christ", and "Awakening the Faith" were offered. There is also the Bible Faith Sharing Group which meets in the Parish Service Center. Several presentations have been made about the new liturgical changes for the Mass which will begin in Advent, 2011.

The children of our parish are becoming more active in their faith as well. Life Teen Masses, held twice a month, were followed by educational activities including topics on the Church's social justice, vocations, and marriage. Some have attended or are planning to attend NCYC, One Bread, One Cup Conference, Diocesan CYO Convention, and the Summer Prayer and Action Mission Experience. They raised money for the thirsty in Africa, went caroling to the homebound at Christmas, participated in Mall-O-Ween at the Mall, and help with the Food Pantry. The Jr. CYO has also participated in some of these activities. Liturgy for Little Ones continues at two weekend Masses. In addition, our young people were able to more fully participate in Advent and Lent through the seasonal activity books made available to them for the first time this year. Nine new servers have received training and begun their ministry. This summer the parish youth will have the opportunity to participate in the Totus Tuos Bible School.

Jesus taught us to wash one another's feet through service to others. New this year is the Parish Neighborhood Plan which can be used in times of emergency or in other times when this type of organization would be helpful. Arrangements have been made to bring the Eucharist to those in the hospital, and Sr. Mary Catherine's ministry to the homebound makes well over 150 visits each month. She also sponsors the Intergenerational Project which brings youth and senior citizens together, and she calls relatives of deceased parishioners. Sr. Janet conducts a Bereavement Ministry and visits new parishioners and those who have slipped away from the Church. The Food Pantry served 419 different families with an average of 89 boxes of food given out each Pantry Day in 2010. In addition to the Life Chain and Roe vs. Wade Prayer Service, the Family Life Commission also planned and hosted a World Day of Prayer for the Sick and Disabled Mass and reception, participated in Crop Walk, planned a Funeral and Burial Seminar, and conducted a post card campaign to bring the needs of the disabled to the attention to the State

Representatives as they tackle the state's budget. Seminarians received cards, letters, and Care packages.

Parishioners also enjoyed fellowship at the Thanksgiving dinner, Palm Sunday breakfast, Easter Egg hunt, monthly card parties, and receptions for those young people achieving milestones in their faith and life.

St. Joseph's communicates with its people through the weekly bulletins, quarterly newsletter, web site, Face Book, and the media.

During the past year, the Pastoral Council has passed Guidelines for the Use of the Vestibule Space, continued their support of the Food Pantry, reviewed the use of the Parish Service Center Guidelines, approved the Liturgical Guidelines for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Joy Filled Marriage Program for engaged couples. They have supported our Catholic schools and parish CCD program and overseen the activities of the various parish commissions, the Stewards of Hope committee, and the Diocesan Capital Campaign.

Financially, we are doing well. In addition to their regular giving, parishioners have contributed to various missions, the elevator project for the Parish Service Center, and the Diocesan Capital Campaign.

Newly elected members of Pastoral Council who will begin a three year term are Amy DeWitt, Joyce Dinges, and Jon Schmeidler. Those leaving the council are Carol Brull, Jerry Laprade, and Robert Firestone who graciously finished Chris Walters term.

The success of our parish lies in the hands of the members of the Pastoral Council, parish commissions and committees, parish staff, and the many volunteers who keep everything going. St. Joseph's is a growing, thriving parish and will continue on that road with the help of all its members.



Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1922 - 1962)

A Modern Saint to Challenge the Modern World

By: Fr. Earl Meyer, O.F.M. Cap.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla was an Italian pediatrician, wife, and mother who refused both an abortion and a hysterectomy when she was pregnant with her fourth child, fully aware that continuing the pregnancy could result in her death. She died in 1962 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2004.

Gianna Francesca Beretta was born in 1922 in Magenta, Italy, the tenth of thirteen children. She graduated from the Milan School of Medicine in 1949, intending to join her brother, a missionary priest in Brazil, to offer gynecological care to poor women. But her frail health forced her to practice medicine in Italy.

She married Pietro Molla in 1955 and they had three children: Pierluigi, Maria Zita, and Laura. When Gianna became pregnant again, a tumor was discovered on her uterus. The doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, a complete hysterectomy, or the removal of only the tumor. Catholic teaching would have allowed her to undergo a hysterectomy, which would have resulted in her unborn child's death as an unintended consequence, but Gianna opted for the removal of the tumor. "I want my baby to live!" she insisted. On April 21, 1962, Good Friday of that year, her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was born but Gianna died seven days later of septic peritonitis.

Gianna's husband Pietro and their last child, Gianna Emanuela, were present at the canonization ceremony on May 16,

2004. The miracle authenticated to canonize Gianna Molla involved a mother, Elizabeth Comparini, who delivered a healthy child despite "medical certainty" that both she and her baby would die if she continued the pregnancy.



"Conscious immolation" was the phrase used by the Pope to define the act of Saint Gianna. "To give life to her daughter, she sacrificed her own, with conscious immolation." These words of the Holy Father refer to Christ on Calvary and in the Eucharist.

Gianna's heroic choice was not an isolated act of her life. It was something she had prepared for every day of her life, as her family and friends testified. She was an example of heroic lay sanctity lived within marriage and family. Her sterling virtue, genuine holiness of life, selflessness, and quiet joy remind us that God entrusts each of us with a personal vocation. Every day we face choices that have the power to prepare us to take heroic action if we are so called.

Saint Gianna is the inspiration for the Gianna Center in New York City which specializes in gynecological care of difficult cases, in keeping with Catholic moral principles. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla is a saint who lived in our age as an example for our age.

SCHEDULES GIFT BEARERS - HOMEBOUND

Those who are scheduled to take up the gifts please arrive at least 15-10 minutes before Mass to notify the ushers that you are present to take up the gifts. If you are not schedule to take up the gifts and would like to on a day when it is Usher Choice, please see the ushers before Mass.

Homebound: It is very important that if you can't make your Mass appointments that you find a sub to take communion to the homebound.

June 11 & 12

- 5:00 - GB: Greg & Michelle Beyer Family
- 7:30 - GB: Bryan & Mary Jane Bachkora
HB: Liz Schmeidler & Ernie Tallman
- 10:00 - GB: Jennifer Whitmer Family
HB: Mike Gnad / Frank/Helga Stremel

June 18 & 19

- 5:00 - GB: Ed & Mary Ann Breit
- 7:30 - GB: Mike & Laytha Gnad
HB: Lucy Baier & Irvin Leiker
- 10:00 - GB: John & Lisa Flynn Family
HB: Treva Benoit & Lila Staab

June 25 & 26

- 5:00 - GB: Shane & Mona Dreiling Family
- 7:30 - GB: Charles & Marlene Brull
HB: Alan Leiker & Sr. Mary Ann S.
- 10:00 - GB: Chuck & Deb Ross
HB: Vickie Hawthorne & Andy Mattison

July 2 & 3

- 5:00 - GB: Gene & Rita Gabel
- 7:30 - GB: James & Jean Fieler
HB: *Sub Needed*, Lisa Vonfeldt
- 10:00 - GB: Bret & Erica Bittel Family
HB: Kathy Amrein, *Sub Needed*

July 9 & 10

- 5:00 - GB: Doug & Melissa Ginther Family
- 7:30 - GB: Cyril & Alice Fisher
HB: Liz Schmeidler & Ernie Tallman
- 10:00 - GB: Malinda Hulse Family
HB: Mike Gnad & Frank/Helga Stremel

July 16 & 17

- 5:00 - GB: David & Virginia Hertel
- 7:30 - GB: James & Tina Heier
HB: Lucy Baier & Irvin Leiker
- 10:00 - GB: Cletus & Mildred Klaus
HB: Treva Benoit & Lila Staab

July 23 & 24

- 5:00 - GB: Mike & Lori Hertel
- 7:30 - GB: Marty & Anita Walters Family
HB: Alan Leiker & Sr. Mary Ann S.
- 10:00 - GB: Kim Campbell Family
HB: Vickie Hawthorne & Andy Mattison



AWAKE, MY SOUL

Let the day dawn with music and celebration. I want to be a part of this rejoicing, Lord. You give my spirit cause for joy. Let my thoughts quickly turn to the blessings in my life so that my day begins with gratitude. Keep me from an attitude of defeat or mourning when I have been given this gift of another day.

Every minute is Yours. Please hear the music of my life. May it be pleasing to You and worthy of a new dance. Let my rejoicing bring the day from the night so that You will be praised and the world will see my light.

-One Minute Prayers



SCHEDULES

GIFT BEARERS - HOMEBOUND

July 30 & 31

- 5:00 - GB: Mel & Frances Schreiber
 7:30 - GB: Elizabeth Kreutzer
 HB: Barney Boos & Sr. Janet
 10:00 - GB: Jeff & Amy Luebbers
 HB: Darrin Atherton & F/H Stremel

August 6 & 7

- 5:00 - GB: Ralph & Patty Wellbrock
 7:30 - GB: Clarence & Carol Legleiter
 HB: Barney Boos, Lisa Vonfeldt
 10:00 - GB: Tim & Gail Staab Family
 HB: Kathy Amrein, Carolyn Herman

August 13 & 14

- 5:00 - GB: Richard & Joann Yost
 7:30 - GB: Mary Ann Gabel Family
 HB: Liz Schmeidler & Ernie Tallman
 10:00 - GB: Alan & Kathy Amrein Family
 HB: Mike Gnad, Frank & Helga Stremel

August 20 & 21

- 5:00 - GB: Randy & Tamera Walker Family
 7:30 - GB: Cody & Karen Marintzer Family
 HB: Lucy Baier, Irvin Leiker
 10:00 - GB: Michelle & Bonnie McRae Family
 HB: Treva Benoit, Lila Staab

August 27 & 28

- 5:00 - GB: Betty Feldt
 7:30 - GB: Wilfred & Eileen Leiker
 HB: Alan Leiker, Sr. Mary Ann S.
 10:00 - GB: Louis & Irene Normandin
 HB: Vickie Hawthorne, Andy Mattison

September 3 & 4

- 5:00 - GB: Dennis & Marilyn Dreiling Family
 7:30 - GB: Jake & Carolyn Maska Family
 HB: Barney Boos, Lisa Vonfeldt
 10:00 - GB: Ed & Norine Peters
 HB: Kathy Amrein, Carolyn Herman

September 10 & 11

- 5:00 - GB: George & Ethel Gatschet
 7:30 - GB: James & Mary Murphy
 HB: Liz Schmeidler, Ernie Tallman
 10:00 - GB: Robert & Ila Ruder
 HB: Mike Gnad, Frank & Helga Stremel



CAPUCHIN NEWS

by Fr. Charles Polifka, OFM Cap.



Ever since Easter of 1977 when the Capuchin friars of Mid-America and the Capuchin friars of Pennsylvania formed two provinces, the Capuchin friars of Mid-America have gathered together for assemblies and, every third year, for "Chapters." Assemblies are gathering of friars for fraternal renewal, input on various timely topics, and prayer together. Chapters are times of discussions on future directions and election of leadership. In 2010 (last year) the friars gathered for a "Chapter." This year (2011) and next year (2012) we come together for Assemblies. Our next Chapter is in 2013.

This year's Assembly was once again a joyful Easter gathering of fifty of us from Kansas and Colorado. Fr. Frank Grinko was there, too. Fr. Frank is the novice director for all the North American Capuchin Provinces (Guam and Australia, too), and is presently stationed in Allison Park, Pennsylvania. He remains, of course, a part of the Mid-America Province, and will return to our territory after a six-year term as Novice Director. Our missionaries were not able to join us. Of course, Archbishop Chaput and Brother Mark Schenk were also not able to be there either. (Brother Mark was in Poland, presiding at a Chapter of the friars in Cracow.)

The Assembly had some business reports, as usual. I reported on the finances and on various other projects that were happening in the province. Stephanie Pedersen, our Director of Development, reported on the work being done in the Development Office. Gina Francis, director of the Brown Robe Benefit, was there, too, and reported to the friars about her work on the Brown Robe. It was the first time some of the friars were able to meet Gina. These reports were all on Thursday afternoon.

The major parts of the assembly, however, dealt with two topics: Hispanic Culture and Ministry, and the revision of our Capuchin Constitutions.

Mr. Luis Soto, who serves Archbishop Chaput in Denver as the Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Denver, presented conferences for a day and a half on issues of Hispanic Culture and Ministry. St. John's Parish in Lawrence as well as our entire ministry in Colorado has been strongly impacted by

the presence of Hispanic people. The friars serve people of all cultures throughout our province, but the growth of the Hispanic population throughout the United States makes it important that we have an understanding of the gifts that these people bring to us and what we can bring to them.

Father Christopher Popravak, the director of our post novitiate programs in Denver and also the "vicar provincial" of our province, serves on an international commission that is revising and updating our Capuchin Constitutions. Fr. Christopher made several presentations on the "changes" and new wordings that will be in the Capuchin Constitutions. The "revised" Constitutions will be presented to the General Chapter of the Order which will take place in Rome in late summer of 2012.

We also celebrated a Mass for our deceased friars and affiliates on Tuesday of Easter Week. Fr. Curtis Carlson led that celebration. On Wednesday, Fr. John Lager led us in a Mass for vocations. Thursday's Mass was a celebration for our jubilarians: Frs. Blaine Burkey, Matthew Gross, and Harvey Dinkel celebrating fifty years of priesthood; Brother Joseph McGlynn celebrating 50 years of profession; Fr. Canice Froehlich celebrating seventy (70!) years of profession; and Fr. John Toepfer celebrating twenty-five years of priesthood. Fr. Blaine was the main celebrant for the Mass and Fr. John Toepfer preached. The Mass was followed by a social and a supper prepared by Fr. David Gottschalk. The jubilarians were "toasted" during the supper.

During the Assembly, too, the Admissions Committee met to consider applications for Postulancy. And the Provincial Council met with all the students for a listening session.

The Assembly closed with a mass that I led on Friday morning. Some friars stayed for the ACE Auction. The Provincial Council met after the Assembly to begin our personnel planning and to review the Assembly. Most of the friars traveled back immediately to their friaries and continued again, till next year.

*Fr. Charles Polifka, OFM Cap.
 Provincial Minister*

Do you surf the internet? Do you want to catch the latest news of the

parish at any given moment, including getting the bulletin before Sunday? Become a Friend of St. Joseph's Church on FACEBOOK. Go to www.stj-church.com and click on "Look for us on FACEBOOK" and become a member.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL REPORT

Our two Catholic schools are not only maintaining their standard of providing our children with an excellent education - they continue to improve on it with each passing year.



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

By Chris Brull

Students, faculty and staff are nearing the end of another busy year at Holy Family Elementary School. With everyone's hard work, HFE can be proud to count the 2010-2011 school year as another success for everyone involved in our Catholic education of HFE students.

Holy Family enrollment at the beginning of the year for K-6 and preschool was 351 students. Sixth grade retained all but three of last year's 32 fifth graders. Enrollment numbers for the 2011-2012 school year continue to look strong with nearly all students returning. HFE is excited to introduce a new kinder-prep program to allow students who have completed a year of preschool but are not yet ready for kindergarten a classroom where they can take the extra time to develop the necessary skills to be successful in kindergarten.

The new school year also saw some rearrangement of classroom space as a result of IHM moving to the new church. The former worship space, now called the "auditorium" was renovated as a gathering space for school programs and other inside activities. Thanks to ACE, a gym floor will be installed in this space. The old gathering space at the back of church was converted into a music classroom. Classroom space remains a challenge for the school. Strong enrollment numbers mean nearly every possible classroom space is already utilized. HFE continues to explore additional options for classroom space when possible.

School finances also continue to challenge the school, but the school started the year with a balanced budget and has maintained a positive financial position throughout the year. In the 2011-2012 school year, parents will be assessed addi-

tional fees to help offset the subsidy decrease by the Diocese. The budget for the 2011-2012 school year is balanced including a small pay increase for HFE faculty and staff.

Students again excelled in standardized testing. ITBS tests were completed in the fall this year. State assessments were just finished a few weeks ago and preliminary results indicate that the school should have no problem meeting state standards for excellence. Many students are also expected to achieve exemplary status for their work on the state assessments. Official results are not released until the summer. Last year 92 students earned 142 awards from the state and the school earned 7 exemplary awards.

Faculty and students at HFE maintain an ongoing record of school activities which can be viewed at <http://hfehays.org>. Articles include reports on school events including Living Stations, P.E. Program, Pancake Race, Green School, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Mr. Stinky Feet and MANY more!



TMP-MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

By Carol Brull

TMP-Marian has come to the end of another successful year academically, athletically, and in the personal growth of the students. The school year began with 240 students. Some achievements of this school year included first place in the 3A-2A Math Relays at FHSU, 16 students excelled on the National Latin Exam, a senior named National Merit Scholarship Finalist, back to back State Scholars Bowl champions, third place for the Chess Team at state, and students qualifying for regional, state and national competition in music, business and journalism. They received the Sportsmanship Plaque at the state basketball tournament, fourth place at the State Girls' Basketball Tournament, and one state champion in wrestling. Their service projects included Pennies for Patients, Red Cross Blood Drive, Walk-a-thon for CASA, Special Olympics, and representatives at the National March for Life in

Washington, D.C.

Some new programs include School Reach which provides electronic notification to school families and staff of school closings, emergencies, etc. Peer tutoring where students volunteer to help other students in academic areas is also a new program. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during religion classes on First Fridays was initiated. A new activities bus was also purchased.

The school is operating with a balanced budget. During this school year it was very fortunate to receive a \$2.6 million bequest.

Students at TMP-Marian High School have just finished their state assessments in reading, math, and science. This is the second year the school's students have taken the tests electronically, and preliminary results are excellent. Mr. DeWitt said he thinks that students' brains are set up to do the work on the computer which probably helps their scores. Another incentive the school offers probably also makes a difference. Any student who gets an exemplary rating on the math test their sophomore year and the reading test their junior year does not have to take finals their senior year.

At TMP-M, Bill DeWitt stated that each year he sets a goal of pre-enrolling 50 freshmen for the following year. That goal for the 2011-2012 school year has already been exceeded.

Mr. DeWitt, principal, also remarked that he is spoiled because he is working with such good kids who are trying to do the right thing. He said that the school should be like one giant family, and he occasionally has to play the role of "dad". He cited the freshman class as a prime example because they look out for each other and support each other.

St. Joseph's Parish Presents a.....

Funeral & Burial Planning Seminar

Wednesday, June 15th, 2011
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Parish Service Center

Presenters:

Fr. Gilmery Tallman, O.F.M.Cap.
Hyle Hugunin, Hays Memorial Chapel

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage

By Cindy Hertel

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage, a one-day program for engaged couples, will be implemented at St. Joseph Parish this fall as part of Stewards of Hope. The program, which focuses on theology of the body, is designed in light of John Paul II's call for a "serious preparation of young people for marriage, one which clearly presents Catholic teaching on this sacrament at the theological, anthropological, and spiritual levels."

This program works from the premise that Catholic teaching can never be *imposed*, only *proposed*, especially in our modern culture where messages that are contrary to the Catholic vision of marital love are commonplace. While divorce rates among those who marry in the Catholic Church are similar to the rest of society, the good news is that the Church has the "blueprint" for successful marriages. The Church teaches two things are necessary for a successful marriage: first, couples must meditate upon God's plan for marriage, and second, they must seek to shape all their ways of thinking and acting according to it.

With clear respect for the freedom of each person, instructors of this class will encourage an encounter with the risen Christ through a call to faith in the truths of Catholicism. Men and women are naturally attracted to the beauty of God's plan for marital love, but many have never heard it presented in a sensible, appealing way.

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage seeks to do just that—to present the fullness of Catholic teaching on marital love in all its beauty.

As part of marriage preparation, couples will attend a Saturday-afternoon class, ending with the 5 p.m. Mass and a dinner; the class is also offered to individual couples if they cannot attend the Saturday program. Certified instructors from St. Joseph Parish are Jim and Tina Heier, Darrin and Trinity Atherton, Michael and Jayne Brandel, and Jane Vanek.

"The program was ultimately authored by Christ, packaged by Pope John Paul II, and is presented in a dynamic way," Michael Brandel said. "It's based on theology, science, and good common sense. We find that most engaged couples find the message refreshing."



"Keep It Simple, Sweetie."

By Cindy Hertel
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In 1994, Sister Mary Catherine decided on a career change and was hired at St. Joseph Parish to minister to the elderly, a position that has been challenging, memorable, and inspiring.

"I always enjoy dressing up at Halloween as Rosie the Rainbow Clown and visiting our elderly parishioners. One Halloween I even stopped by the friary and got some candy from Fr. Beyer. He later told Sister Clare Ann that 'some old lady clown stopped by to puzzle me,'" said Sister, laughing.

Sister Mary Catherine also encourages others to get to know the older generation in our parish. "You will gain an appreciation of our St. Joseph elderly if you visit or become a part of the generational program. Truly, our elderly parishioners are so very special," she added.

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Daughter of Chris & Kathleen Brungardt

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Brody Michael Pfannenstiel

Son of Reid & Ali Pfannenstiel

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