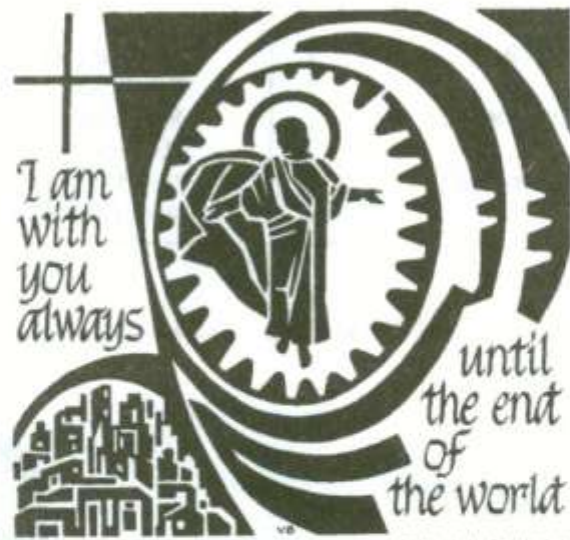


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"The Pulse of Your Parish"

MAY 2009

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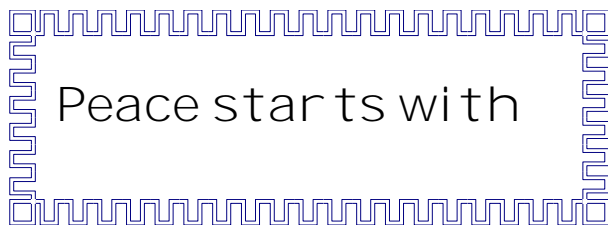
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:00 p.m.
Sunday—7:30 a.m., 9:30 p.m.



Peace starts with

HEARTBEAT DEADLINE

August 3, 2009

We welcome reports of events, news of Parish members, committee reports, humor and inspirational pieces. All articles are subject to editing and must be signed.

Please include a phone number (Names withheld upon request.) Bring articles to the Parish Office or email to lgaska@wi.rr.com

Our Easter Vigil Fire – A Gift of Love

Last year, Bob and I donated the copper brazier [pronounced bray – zure] bowl and wooden stand that we used again this year to light the glorious fire during our Easter Vigil liturgy. The idea for this donation was brought about when Bob and I became more involved in music ministry at IHM – I as the Choir Director and Bob playing percussion (pre-Olivia now one year older)!

We noticed how much time and effort our volunteers put into making sure that our Church environment was prepared with appropriate floral pieces, colorful fabrics and other adornments – especially during Christmas and Easter. So, it was a disconnect for us when amidst **the environment's beautification that a small Weber Grill on a grade school desk was pulled** in to light the Easter Vigil fire. This felt like more of a distraction than an enhancement for such an important part of our liturgy.

We were delighted to find a beautiful copper bowl – or brazier - with an additional smaller bowl for incense, and we were even more excited when Jerry Krier agreed to design and build the beautiful wooden base, as well as a cover for the bowl, to complete the piece. **Our donation was made in Bob's parents' names, Jack and Florence Hudy. This truly was,** and is, an honor for us. I never met Jack, but this gift expresses my gratitude to him for raising a wonderful son who is now my husband and a great father. I knew Florence, or "Floss", very well and loved her dearly as a second Mom. She was quiet in voice, but loud in love, compassion, wisdom and quick Irish wit!

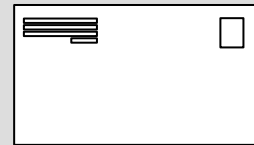
Sharon Hudy



***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Heart Beat Mailing*
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2. Place tabs to close
3. Place address labels



Call Lee DeLeeuw 262-782-0506

*The best mathematical equation
I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3 mails _ 4 given*

Catholics at the Capitol – March 31, 2009

Early on a cold dreary morning, three of your fellow parishioners boarded a chartered Badger bus heading for Madison for a day at the Capitol. John Donovan, Pat Fischer and **Trish Andrae attended the "Catholics at the Capitol" day, sponsored by The Wisconsin Catholic Conference.** Over 350 people from all over the state arrived at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison to pray, listen, learn and discuss current issues in the Wisconsin Legislature.

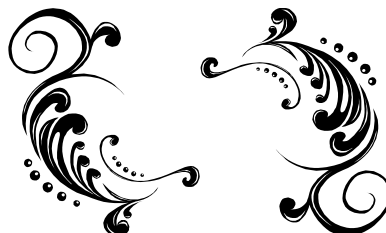
After the gathering prayers and a keynote address, each participant chose a "Breakout Session" on a topic of interest. Included were topics such as: principles of Catholic social teaching, nurturing life, health care reform, lending limits (including payday loans), treatment of prisoners and immigration reform. After a tasty lunch, each person attended an **afternoon "Breakout Session". Some topics were: medical research and procedures, difficulties that families face, the right of conscience, the need for W-2 reform, issues of employment and environmental justice.**

Everyone reconvened in the large meeting room to listen to a panel discussion on "Faith and Liberty". Panel members included two Bishops (from LaCrosse and Madison), a State Representative and a State Senator. A question and answer session followed.

At 3:30 PM, all participants were shuttled to the State Capitol Building to meet with legislators in person. **Having been prepared by the various "Breakout Sessions," pertinent questions were posed to the various legislators. We came away from this day realizing how important it is to communicate with our individual State Senators and Representatives. In one State Senator's words, "We need to hear from you. It does make a difference."** (The website for contact information for all State legislators is: www.legis.wi.gov.)

The next Catholics at the Capitol session will be held in two years. It coincides with the preparation of the State Budget. The three of us will be going. Maybe YOU can join us!

Trish Andrae
Member of JustAction Committee of IHM



Adult Formation Happenings

I Would Like to Know about...?

In the past two years that I have been the Coordinator of Adult and Young Adult Ministry here, the ideas for what the Adult Formation Committee has offered has pretty much been suggested by members of the Adult Formation Committee. We have offered some of the same things that had been offered in the past, such as Scripture study and the Book Buzz. Besides those things, we have offered mornings of reflection for women, a series on different faiths, and small faith groups.

At this point, the committee is wondering what you would be interested in having our committee offer. There are many areas of possibility, such as Church History, Prayer, Catholic Social Teaching, Sacraments, Ecumenism, Everyday Holiness, etc. Perhaps none of these are of interest to you, but there is something that might be a burning question or interest area that you would love some interaction about. It also helps us to know what day and time are best to offer a response to your request.

So, I invite you to respond to one of the member of the committee with your ideas. The members on the committee are as follows:

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| Nancy Dlouhy | 262-782-7345 |
| Karen Fuchs | 414-774-0310 |
| Linda Jones | 262-786-8609 |
| David Reiner | 262-641-1046 |
| Clara Weinberger | 414-321-3363 |



We will be happy to receive your input.

Sister Rosemary Bonk, SSND
414-543-5192 ext. 7.

**“WE DON’T CHANGE THE
message.
The message changes**

Religious Education

Happy Easter to All of You! I hope everyone has time to reflect on the beauty of this Easter Season.



We just finished with our First Communions and I would like to congratulate the following: Adrian and Emmanuel DeLeon, Zachary Johnson and Alexander Simpson. Best Wishes to them and their families. May they always remain close to Jesus.



On Thursday, May 21st at Saint Rita's Parish all the Confirmation students of West Allis will be confirmed by Bishop Sklba. May God bless these wonderful students as they begin their adult life in our parish. Our nine students are: Mary Amundson, Shane Applegate, Megan Edwards, Amanda Gibilian, Brian Lochemes, Emilie Parmeter, Evan Rosa, Bryan Wutt and Jordan Ybarra. Congratulations to these fine young adults.



Our last Gift Program is scheduled for the weekend of May 3rd and 4th. On Sunday we meet after the 9:30 Mass and on Monday, we meet at 5:30 pm. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND! Come enjoy a great meal, hear a wonderful speaker and renew or meet the friendly participants who have increased their knowledge of the faith while not having to cook and being able to have a family discussion and a relaxing time. Anyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and renew your faith.



If any family would like to carry up the Gifts at the Offertory, just tell the ushers when you come in to church.

Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather. God Bless,
Jan Grosschdl

AMERICAN HEART ASSOC. FAMILY AND FRIENDS CPR TEACHING KITS NOW AVAILABLE

These excellent self-learning kits have been developed by AHA for any person without any prior training in CPR. Even school aged children are motivated to learn CPR skills in a comfortable and non-threatening situation with family and friends. Each kit contains an easy to understand DVD that demonstrates CPR protocols with an opportunity to practice on an inflatable manikin that comes with each unit. It also includes an illustrated manual that follows the format of the DVD, instructions on how to inflate and deflate the manikin, alcohol swabs to disinfect manikin between uses by family members and friends. (A thorough cleaning of the internal manikin will be done by parish nurses upon return of kit). Even though this will be a long term project, it is very important that kits be returned promptly so every family who wishes to use one gets an opportunity to do so. For this reason there will be a \$5.00 REFUNDABLE FEE IF KIT IS RETURNED INTACT WITHIN ONE WEEK. However a NONRETURNABLE \$2.00 FEE will be charged to cover the cost of replacement for the **"airway and lungs," a procedure necessary to assure sanitation between users when kits are returned.**

In the last issue of the Heart Beat, we discussed the importance of learning CPR. **Heart Attack, drowning, electric shock and many other medical conditions cause a victim's heart to stop pumping blood.** This is called cardiac arrest; studies show that effective and immediate CPR improves survival rates and quality of life after resuscitation. Most cardiac arrests happen outside the hospital. Many occur at home with the family or friends receiving the benefit of our skills. This may be the most precious gift we ever give another.

In addition to CPR, other lifesaving skills can be learned from the DVD in this kit. The importance of checking the victim for consciousness and breathing before initiating CPR is absolutely essential. Taking charge in an emergency can direct others to help in productive ways like calling 911, answering dispatchers questions, locating the EGD (automated external defibrillator) if available. Instructions for using the EGD are located on the tape. Recognizing the signs of choking and learning to perform the Heimlich maneuver has saved many lives and is clearly demonstrated. Infant CPR does not appear on the DVD but is well covered in the manual.

CPR kits will be available in the parish office. A \$7.00 cash payment will be required at time of pickup; \$5.00 will be refunded if kit is returned within one week. Please call ahead to make sure a kit is available. Remember that this will be an ongoing project so if a kit is not immediately available, please be patient. For more information you may call Dorothy Wutt RN Parish Nurse @ 262-782-8768.



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Dear Friends:

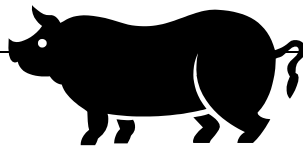
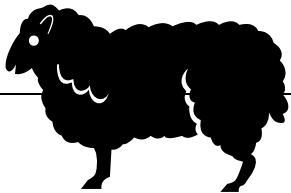
Thank you for your kind support of Heifer International. Your gift provides the foundation for a better future for those in need through increased nutritional and educational measures that will last a lifetime.

As Spring approaches with the promise of new life for the Earth, so does the hope of dignity and self reliance for thousands of families around the world who will benefit from your generosity. It is no exaggeration to say that your support and kindness make our work possible. Entire communities are transformed by Passing on the Gift, a time honored cornerstone **that makes Heifer's work so unique.**

Thank you once again for being Heifer International's partner for a better world—one family at a time. Together we can end hunger while caring for the Earth!

Sincerely,
Jo Luck
President and CEO

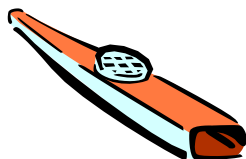
(IHM donated \$655.00)



If You Had \$86,400....

If you had a bank that credited your account with \$86,400 every day, and every evening cancelled what ever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day—What would you do? Draw out every cent every day, of course, and use it to your advantage!

Well, you have such a bank, and it's name is TIME. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose, It carries over no balances. It allows no over-drafts. Each day it opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against tomorrow.



Just imagine it! Forty to fifty people of all ages in Groucho Marx glasses, pith helmets and kazoos. And they're milling around the IHM parking lot, ready to ride the bus to the Wauwatosa July 4th Parade. It's mind-boggling. It's also extreme fun!

Over thirty years ago, the fertile imagination of Tom Jakubowski hatched the idea of a Kazoo Band as the IHM entry in the West Allis 4th of July Parade. He saw it as an improvement over the ragtag group of decorated bicycles that usually represented the parish. The word spread and on July 4th, 1978, a group of about forty parishioners, including their kids, set out to march in the West Allis and Wauwatosa parades. Could we do this? Yes, we could! In Tom's words: "we knocked their socks off!" And the rest is history.

This year again, the parish band will march in the Wauwatosa Parade on July 4th. Can you do it? Yes you can!

If you can hum, you can play the kazoo!

If you can put one foot in front of the other, you can march!

If you want to spread God's crazy spirit of joy and laughter to the wider community, join us.

There is only one practice (and even that's not mandatory).

Watch the IHM bulletin for the rehearsal and bus pickup times.

Anyone is welcome: friends, relatives, acquaintances.

For more information, call Walt Henry 414-243-1000 or Dan Andrae 262-786-8112

See you on the Fourth!





In Loving Memory
We express our sympathy and the assurance of
our prayers to the family and friends of the
following:

Margaret Scherer 4-2-09

Cecilia Sins 4-4-09

Eugenia Rutka 4-8-09

Veronica Szemborski 4-15-09

Sharon Krygier 4-16-09

Ronald Marshall 4-25-09

Stella Misurek 4-29-09



We welcome the following
new members
to our IHM family and hope their stay
with us will be a long and happy one.

Paul Barbian
Amy Bignell
Daniel Murphy
Douglas and Lyn Pape
Marvin and Annette Pribyl
Melissa Schim
Mary Strobl



Baptism

We joyfully welcome into the community of
faith, especially our own IHM —

February 21, 2009
Gretchen Ann Banaszynski
Child of Gary and Ginger

James Joseph Stiglich-Krause
Child of James and Melissa

April 18, 2009
Addison LeaAnn Graf
Child of Adam and Tracey

Coleton Elliot Cohen
Child of Shane and Nicole

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore because the word "God" is mentioned, a kid in Arizona wrote the following:

The New School Prayer

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate.
God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but first the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy.' our senior king.
It's inappropriate" to teach right from wrong. We've
taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles,
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed.
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So Lord this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot, my soul please take.
Amen

"To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are sponsoring a special 'No Excuse Day,'" the priest said.

"Cots will be in the back of the church for those who say; 'Sunday is the only day I can sleep.'

We will have steel helmets for those who say 'The roof will cave in if I ever show up in church.'

Blankets will be furnished for those who say the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the names of all the hypocrites present.

There will be TV dinners for those who can't get to church and cook dinner at the same time.

One section will have trees and grass for those who like to find God in nature.

Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.

Finally, we will decorate the sanctuary with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them."

Quoted from the Campbellsport News and printed in the South Milwaukee Voice Journal

RECIPE CORNER



The following two recipes were desserts served at our annual Spring Luncheon and were requested by several people.

The 1st one was made and donated by Joan Breitanfeld. If you love chocolate, you'll love this one!

The 2nd dessert is similar, but not chocolate and contains fruit. Joan Gaska made and donated it. It was made with sugar free pudding, 2% milk and sugar free Cool Whip.



Please submit any outstanding and favorite recipes you may wish to share. Send to lgaska@wi.rr.com or bring to the parish office marked for the Heart Beat.

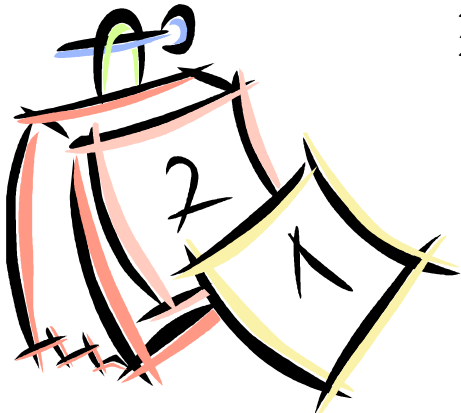
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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| MAY | 17 | Hospitality Weekend |
| | 19 | Senior Meeting—hall |
| | 20 | 8:45 am Exercise class Executive Council Meeting 6:30 pm |
| | 22 | IHM Festival Fish Fry St. Ben's |
| | 23 | IHM Festival Spaghetti Dinner |
| | 24 | IHM Festival Chicken Dinner |
| | 26 | 8:45—10:00 Shawl Ministry RCIA room |
| | 27 | 8:45 am Exercise class |
| | 28 | 6:30—8:30 pm Shawl Ministry RCIA Room |

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| JUNE | 2 | Advance Commitment Gathering—Hall |
| | 3 | 7:00 pm Parish Council Installation New Members |
| | 6 | Reconciliation |
| | 7 | Usher's Picnic |
| | 9 | 1:00 pm Ganta Mission—Blue Room |
| | 16 | Senior Meeting—Hall |
| | 23 | 8:45—10:00 am Shawl Ministry - RCIA Room |
| | 25 | 6:30—8:30 pm Shawl Ministry Parish Mtg. Room St. Ben's |

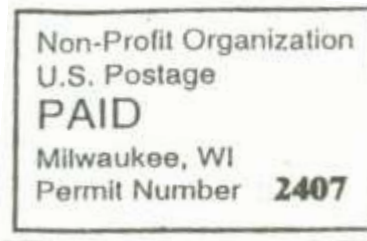
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| JULY | 4 | Reconciliation |
| | 21 | Senior Picnic—Rectory |
| | 24 | St. Ben's |

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| AUGUST | 1 | Reconciliation |
| | 3 | Heart Beat Deadline |
| | 4 | Heart Beat Planning Meeting |
| | 11 | Heart Beat Proofreading |
| | 20 | 8:45 am Heart Beat Mailing |
| | 28 | St. Ben's |



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*If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character
and harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home, there will
be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, there will be
peace in the world.*

Author unknown