

HEART BEAT



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

"The Pulse of Your Parish"

November 2010

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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



"The best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes."

PLEASE NOTE! Due to postage costs and regulations, we will no longer staple pages. You may wish to clip or staple the pages together yourselves.

**Thank you for your understanding.
Heart Beat Staff**

Communion Packets

If you have any cloth packets used for bringing communion to our sick and homebound, please consider this a gentle reminder to return them. We are running low and our ministers who sew them cannot keep up with the need!

A basket is provided in the gathering area for their return. You may also return them anytime to the Parish Office.

HEARTBEAT DEADLINE

January 24, 2011

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

Vatican II Award for Service in the Priesthood

"This Synod, with an eye to its pastoral aims of renewing the Church interiorly, of spreading the Gospel throughout the world, and of dialogue with the modern world, earnestly exhorts all priests to use every relevant means approved by the Church striving for that ever greater holiness, which will make them day by day more fitting instruments for the service of the whole people of God."

(Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests #12)

Criteria for receiving the award:

The recipient must

- have a healthy sense of personal priestly identity and live his vocation joyfully
- show fidelity to the Church's tradition of theology and pastoral service, enthusiastically having accepted the teachings of Vatican Council II
- possess the respect of his peers, while having had a variety of experiences/ assignments in the archdiocese
- give evidence of personal dedication to prayer and preaching.

Rev. Karl J. Schneider

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, West Allis

For more than 50 years, Fr. Karl Schneider has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He has divided his time among the following parishes: St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee, assistant pastor, 1959-1969; St. Monica, Whitefish Bay, assistant pastor, 1969-1976; Saints Peter and Paul, Milwaukee, pastor, 1976-1980; St. Gregory the Great, Milwaukee, pastor, 1980-1994; and Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Allis, pastor, 1994-present.

Fr. Schneider appreciates the inspiration that he has received and continues to receive from dedicated pastoral staff members and committed parishioners. "I am grateful for my own growth in faith that was facilitated by the dedicated faith-filled staff and parishioners at all the parishes." He also credits them with making him want to live a life like Christ.

Additionally, he looks to the Gospel according to Matthew for inspiration, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:19).

Through his pastoral ministry in the parishes he has served, Fr. Schneider has tried to facilitate implementation of the Vatican II by "opening of the windows to the Spirit." He has also facilitated this with his membership in the Priest Senate during the 1970s, 10 years on the Priests' Personnel Board in the 1980s, and his current membership on the Archdiocesan Building Commission. He also hopes these endeavors have helped enhance the mission of the Catholic Church in southeastern Wisconsin.



Fr. Karl received the Vatican II Award for Service to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday evening, November 9, 2010



**ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES:
“Ponder This”**

The Four Sundays of Advent (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19) in the RCIA/Choir Room at 10:30 am or immediately following the 9:30 mass

Join us for four weeks of sharing modern day parables which provide opportunities to do some “pondering” based on scripture readings. Books available for \$18 or you can “rent” one for \$8. Sessions will be approximately one hour. Contact Kathy Smith for additional details.

SAVE THE DATES
For these upcoming programs



**Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection
March 9, 2011**



**“WHAT IS GOD’S WILL FOR YOU?”
Presented by Sr. Rosie Bonk, SSND
Sunday, March 27, 2011 10:30am in the Parish Hall**

Religious Education

GIFT?? Just what is GIFT??? I am hearing this more and more. So let me explain; GIFT- is **Generations in Faith Together** which means that **ALL** are invited to come to our program on the first weekend of the month, except in January which is the third weekend. Everyone is invited to come to the church hall for a delicious meal prepared by our own Dennis Jablonski. Having a meal together is very important to having good family relationships.

Then we break into age appropriate groups to further discuss the topic of the month. This year we are talking about our relationship with and how we get to know Jesus better. We are talking about the "I AM" statements from the Gospel of John. We are also increasing our knowledge of the Bible.

Our next session is November 7th after the 9:30 Mass, so we begin about 10:30 and end about 12:00. We try to get people home in time for the Packer Game! If Sundays do not work for you, we also repeat the same session on Monday nights starting at 5:30. Both programs are held in the church hall. If you would like to come and renew your knowledge of the Bible, just call Jan at 414-453-0300 and let her know you are planning on coming. (This helps with the food preparation). Please call by Wednesday before the session.

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME
IT IS GOOD TO SEE FAMILIES AND
GRANDPARENTS EATING TOGETHER!**

Our November topic is "I AM "The Lord Your God.

FYI

We have some ***parish fundraisers*** going on:

Our next **FISH FRY** is November 5th from 4:30 to 7:00pm in the church hall

We are selling **Christmas Wreaths**- check the sign in the parish gathering space

We are selling **Boston store –Community Days booklets**-good for:

Saturday, November 13 beginning at 6:00am that day.

They sell for \$5.00 a book.

They are good on the following: on yellow dot merchandise;

all home store brands;

all Godiva; all DKNYC;

Skechers sharp-ups;

sale priced Dooney and Burke merchandise

PLUS 30% Off Early bird coupon

and 6- 20% off coupons

*You can buy these at the fish fries, GIFT Program or in the parish office
Thank you for helping with these fundraisers, they all help support our Parish.*

Young Adult and Adult, Advent 2010

Do you have questions on any of the following? Contact Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 or Kathy@ihmwestallis.com



BEREAVEMENT REMINDERS

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 PM

The IHM community is invited to join the family and friends of our faithful departed from this past year at this special liturgy which will be followed by fellowship in the gathering space.

THE COMMON GROUND OF GRIEF EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

November 2: "Holiday Mournings: the Seeming Paradox of Celebration and Mourning"

December 7: "Coming Together: The Holiday Season Meets the Season of Your Grief"

February 1: "Grief, Mourning and Healing: Essential Pieces of the Grief Puzzle"

11am-12:30pm repeated 6:30-8:00pm

Free and Open to All @ San Camillo, 10200 W. Bluemound Rd.

Presenter: Patrick Dean, Grief Counselor

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS Nov.9, Dec. 14, Feb. 8 & 22; 11am-12:30pm @ San Camillo

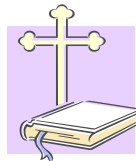


ADVENT

ADVENT REFLECTION

Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall

Led by Susan Mountin, PhD., Adjunct Associate Professor of Theology and Director of Manresa at Marquette University



Advent Reflection Books "Five Minutes with the Word" will be distributed at Mass on the weekend of November 20-21 and Advent Workbooks "What Am I Doing for Advent This Year?" will be available on the table in the Gathering Space beginning November 20.

Miracles Still Happen

By Trish Andrae

On September 17, 2010, six IHM parishioners joined a throng of Lutheran church members, Girl Scouts, fifth graders from the nearby public school and their parents at Brookfield Lutheran Church to assemble food packs for a group called Feed My Starving Children.

This group, known as FMSC, began in Minneapolis as an attempt to feed hungry children the founder had met on his travels in Africa and Haiti. Formulated by nutritionists, the food packs contain easily digested ingredients which meet complete nutrition needs.

The two-hour shift began with a film about the work undertaken by Feed My Starving Children and its partners. An FMSC worker answered any questions. Then we were shepherded into the main packing area, shown how to assemble the food packs step by step and turned loose to find a work station.

Each group filled heavy plastic bags with predetermined amounts of chicken granules, dried veggies, soy flour and rice. When prepared, this bag would feed four hungry people. One volunteer weighed the bag; two others heat-sealed the bag and packed it into the packing carton. Shouts of "Chicken," "Veggies," "Soy," "Rice," as well as "More boxes," "More bags" contributed to the energized atmosphere. The time flew by as everyone worked at top speed to make our two hour goal.

At the end of the shift, all of us volunteers gathered with the pastor of Brookfield Lutheran and laid hands on the meals we had assembled. Together we prayed the Our Father and blessed the work of our hands. The result? We had packed enough meal bags to feed 60 children for an entire year!

Projects like this take place all over the United States. FMSC has a website (<http://www.fmsc.org/>) and you can locate nearby projects under the heading "Mobile Pack Events." Those of us who volunteered can highly recommend the experience!

Joyce Jakubowski
Karen Fuchs
Pat Gallo
Jack Gallo
Dan Andrae
Trish Andrae
and Ray Ciszewski (from MQH)



You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything."

excerpt from a country western song

September 30, 2010

Nancy Wilke
Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation
1121 S 116th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Thanks Be to God, Nancy!

The recently held Feed My Starving Children event at Brookfield Lutheran was a great success. Over 1000 people actively involved in packing 206,712 meals to be sent to starving children around the world. What a wonderful blessing from our Lord!

Because of the tremendous support of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation and many other individuals and organizations, 566 children will be fed for an entire year and be saved from starvation! How can we ever thank you enough for all that you and your members provided with their prayers, time, talents and hard work.

Please thank each of your members who were involved. Their excitement and enthusiasm in doing the Lord's work was very evident to everyone at the event.

Thanks again to you, Nancy, for all that you did in arranging for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation to be there and for helping make this a successful, God pleasing event!

In the Name of Jesus, Our Savior,



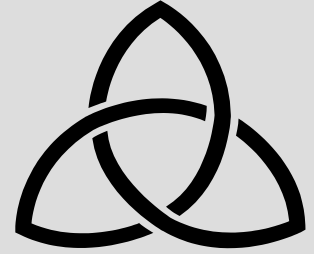
Alan Pretzel
Brookfield Lutheran Church
Feed My Starving Children Committee



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ARE YOU THERE, OH GOD?

Are you there oh God? Sometimes what people say and do makes one doubt. We can listen to the radio, read the newspaper or watch TV news and much of what we hear is of accidents, natural disasters, war, death, and so much suffering around the world. How can there be a God when so many bad things occur.. If there is a God, why doesn't He step in and punish those who commit all kinds of crimes against their fellow man?



Maybe or perhaps we need to take a step back and really look around us. That bright ball there in the sky that lights up and makes our day. Isn't that wondrous—a light which no human being can duplicate. See the moon whose light can pierce the darkness of the night sky, along with all those shining stars. Wow, that great expanse of sky makes one feel small and insignificant. Or, we can stand at the seashore and try to contemplate the vastness of the waters as the waves wash in and out at our feet and hear the sound it makes. We know there are creatures who live in those waters, all kinds of forms—big, small, and in between. Some are good to eat and others seem only to be there to create fear in other fish and human beings too.

We look up again and there are creatures soaring gracefully just by flapping their wings. A plane streaks across the sky—how does a big metal object filled with human beings leave the ground and be able to fly like magic in the air? If we keep looking up long enough, we may feel drops falling on our face—what? - water from above? Uh, huh, that's right. How did it get up there so it can rain down and freshen the air and nurture the soil so plants, bushes and trees may grow for food, shade and just plain beauty?

The winds blow, sometimes softly, but also at times with such force as to cause havoc along with thunder, lightning and heavy amounts of that same rain that can devastate areas of our world at its whim. In the absence of rain, the sun can beat down and burn parts of the world so that virtually nothing can exist there.

Looking around us, we see people, and we recognize the faces of our family and friends and many we do not know. How in the world can so many faces, all with two eyes, one nose, one mouth, two ears and hair growing out of their heads all look so different? The straight, curly or wavy hair has many shades of color. Eyes are also colored differently and have many different shapes. Faces, hands, feet, bodies—except in the case of multiple births, no two are the same. How did all this happen?

Oh, that's right. We've been told by some that it all started from nothing and snowballed into the world as we know it today. Really? Another theory is that there is a being which has always been and always will be Who masterminded the whole thing and some believe this utterly impossible. Is it any more impossible than thinking we began from some molecule and all the wonders of this world, the uniqueness of its people, the beauty and even fierceness of what we call "Mother Nature" just happened? It takes a lot of faith to believe in this Being, but if indeed we began from nothing, then why are we here? What is our purpose?

This great combination of man and his environment should have been a Paradise. He was equipped with a brain, a sense of right and wrong, all manner of ways to learn and teach those to come after him—surely this was meant to be. Yet, left with a will of his own, as were his many "followers," it seems that not every man has best used his gifts.

Now we see, in a war-torn country, a medic comforts the dying soldier while another soldier picks up a crying child amid the wreckage and takes it to safety; a wounded soldier is dragged to a place of safety by his fellow soldiers; the heroic one gives up his own life to save others. Volunteers work in an area devastated by flooding or ferocious winds trying to help those wounded or lost; others work to provide food and shelter for those left homeless; searches are made for missing souls.

In the city, a police officer attempts to talk an angry youth out of doing something that will ruin his life forever; a firefighter finds his way in a smoke filled house to find the old man in his wheelchair; passers-by call for help to those injured in a serious accident while others do what they can; a victim of domestic abuse is kept from the abuser in a safe house; a doctor performs life-saving surgery.



Oh there is more, much more, but in the midst of despair, appear the saving ones, the healing hands that bring hope to the hopeless and comfort to the sorrowing.

Oh God, there you are!

KIDS KORNER



WET PANTS

Come with me to a third grade classroom.....There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop ; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, "Dear Lord, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat!"

He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered. As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap.

The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, "Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord."

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are now on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else ---Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. "You've done enough, you klutz!"

Finally at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispered back. "I wet my pants once too."

May God help us to see the opportunities that are always around us to do good.

Remember Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more that standing in your garage makes you a car,

Each and every one of us is going through tough times right now, but God is getting ready to bless you in a way that only He can. Keep the faith.



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

Randall (Randy) McLaughlin 8-15-2010

Virginia Pokrzywinski 8-21-2010

Ervin Johnson 9-5-2010

John Rios 9-24-2010

Margaret Johnson 10-9-2010

60th Wedding Anniversary

Sept.30

John and Doris Klante



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

Barbara Kojis

Annette Mantey

Jamie and Mary Siegel
daughter Rachael

Jessie and Pauline Ziemienski

Baptisms

August 14, 2010

Collin Mark Hammes
Son of Brian & Heather

Damarion Darice Crayton
Son of Darico & Angela



RECIPE CORNER



CRANBERRY, WALNUT, QUINOA SALAD

Quinoa (Keen-wa) is a grain very high in nutrients. It can be found in grocery stores. It needs to be rinsed thoroughly before cooking. It has a nice nutty flavor.

1 c. quinoa
1 c. dried cranberries
1 c. frozen green beans, defrosted
1/4 c. chopped walnuts
1/4 c. green onions, diced
1/4 c. balsamic vinegar
1 1/2 Tbs. olive oil
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. Salt
1/4 teasp. Pepper

Combine quinoa with 2 c. water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover and continue cooking until all water is absorbed.

In a medium bowl, combine cooked quinoa, dried cranberries, green beans, walnuts, and green onions until well mixed. In a small bowl whisk the balsamic vinegar, olive oil and garlic until well blended. Pour over the quinoa mixture and toss until well blended. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Chill in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serves 10.

Recipe from Juan-Carlos Cruz, Food Network. com

The **RUMMAGE SALE** was a success thanks to all who donated items and their time. We took in over \$1800. This was a bit more than last year.

Don't forget to bake Christmas Cookies for the **Craft & COOKIE SALE** Dec. 11 & 12. Make one recipe of your favorite, prettiest and *small* cookies and bring them to the church hall on Sat. Dec. 11 after 2 pm. They will be re-packaged into assortments for the sale, so bring them in disposable containers.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



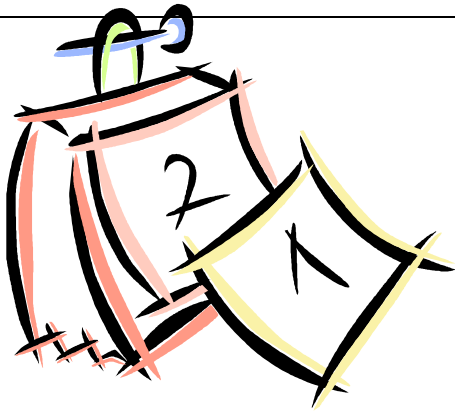
The Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic sent a thank you letter August 13, 2010 thanking our parishioners for the donation of \$1572.10. "God Bless you all for your generosity! The work we do is the material outpouring of God's love in us ..."

Very Gratefully Yours,
Kathleen A. Schneider



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NOVEMBER	21 22 28 30	Blessing and distribution of little books 10:30 am ADVENT Presentation—Susan Mountin 7:00 pm Adult Formation Committee—Blue Room 10:30 –11:30 Ponder This - RCIA Room 8:45—10:00 am Prayer Shawl RCIA
DECEMBER	1 3 5 6 7 11 12 15 19	6:00 pm Parish Council Adult Conference—RCIA Blue Room Fish Fry 10:30 Ponder This - RCIA Room GIFT Program—hall Gift Program 7 :00 pm Taize Service—Church 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting Cookie and Craft Sale Hospitality Sunday (Liturgy Committee) Cookie and Craft Sale Blood Pressure Check 6:00 pm RCIA/Adult Conference—Blue Room 10:30 Ponder This RCIA Room

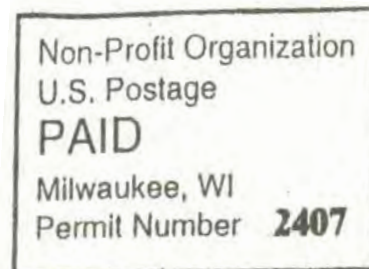


"TIME is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back."

"Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the years as you make use of."

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A Gift

Today, like every day, is your gift to me, Lord. I will endeavor to give it back to you by caring for others and myself. Guide my actions. Guard my mouth. Give me wisdom to carry on today.

from "Prayers for Care Givers" by Patti Normile