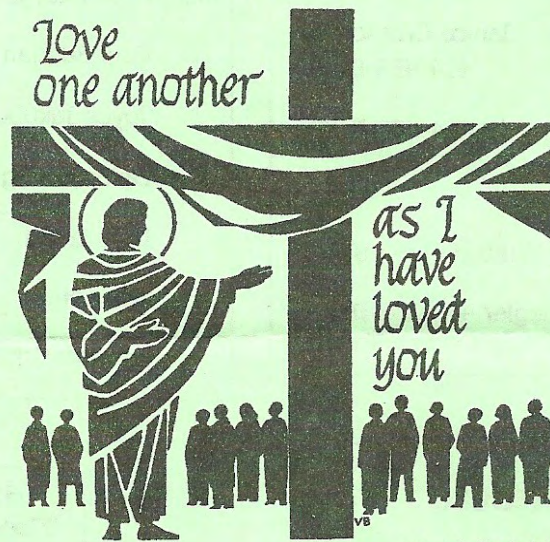


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"The Pulse of Your Parish"

August 2011

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday -7:30 am, 9:30 am

Tuesday—Thursday - 8:00 am



Be sure to visit our web page

Ihmwestallis.com

*A small boy's prayer:
"Dear God, I hope you take
care of yourself, 'cause if
any thing happens to you,
we would all be in
a terrible mess."*

HEARTBEAT DEADLINE

October 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

ANDY KUKEC SAYS GOODBYE

Dear IHM Community

It is hard finding words to say goodbye. While I find myself searching to select the best words, I am guided by an abundant spirit of gratitude. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served as director of Liturgy and Music for 22 years. The rich array of lessons and experiences, accompanied by the guidance of very talented pastors, especially Fr. Karl, staff, talented ministers, musicians, choir, cantors and generous parishioners, have helped me to fuller understanding of the nature, responsibilities and opportunities of serving as the Director of Liturgy and Music. I know that I leave this faith community as a minister shaped in ways that will bring richer blessings to the new community, St. Catherine of Alexandria, I will be invited to serve.

My journey at IHM began back in January 1989 when Fr. Joe Koerber welcomed me into the pastoral staff as Director of Liturgy and Music. Throughout the years, many priests, deacons, and gifted members of our parish staff have modeled creativity and faith as they have guided the varied and exciting aspects of our parish life and worship, all the time revealing an abundant love for the many parishioners they serve. While I know there is still much I have to learn, my years with this community have facilitated growth within me. My dream is that the new community I serve will experience in my ministry the spirit of Immaculate Heart of Mary and the amazing grace flowing within it.

What an amazing community! You have laughed with me, celebrated with me, have been patient with me. You have forgiven me when my shortcomings as a minister have resulted in falling short of its goals and possibilities. You have embraced me with a peace that comes only through the Spirit working within us and lifting us up beyond our expectations. Thank you for being my faith community for these many years!

I join my prayers with yours as you welcome Fr. Jeff Prasser and Fr. Thomas Vathappallil, MCBS as your new pastor and associate

As I announced recently, I have accepted a position to serve as Director of Liturgy and Outreach at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Milwaukee. Please keep me and the good people of St. Catherine's in your prayers. Know that you journey with me as the St. Catherine Community discovers your welcoming and creative spirit in the ministry I share with them.

These simple words of goodbye barely come close to the gratitude I desire to share with you. Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit will fill in the gaps as we try to express our faith and love. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for filling in the gaps in this expression of gratitude, and Holy Spirit, keep up the good work that you do at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

With love.

Andy Kukec

I begin my new position as Director of Liturgy and Outreach on July 2, 2011

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Young Adult & Adult Formation

FALL UPDATES from Kathy Smith,

Young Adult & Adult Ministry Director
414-453-5192 or Kathy@ihmwestallis.com

Young Adult and Adult Ministry welcomes
Fr. Jeff and Fr. Thomas to IHM and our Cluster!

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS FOR FALL:

"Lifting Up Our Hearts – Praying with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal"



In anticipation of the new translation of the Roman Missal that begins in Advent of this year, we are offering small faith sharing groups that will help to renew your spiritual life and appreciation of the liturgy through prayerful reflection on the upcoming changes to the people's parts of the Mass. The six week series we will be using is published by Renew International and written by Dr. Peter J. Zografos, presenter for the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. We will have a minimum of 3 groups that will meet at IHM, Monday and Thursday mornings, and an evening group. Additional groups will be added as needed. Groups will be open to all parishioners in the cluster, so invite your friends! Sessions will begin the week of September 19 and run through the month of October. Books are available in standard (\$7) or large (\$8) print. Contact Kathy Smith for additional information and watch for the bulletin flyer and information posted on our website.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: WHAT IS IT, AND IS IT FOR ME?

Presenter: Marge Wilbur



Sunday, September 25 following the 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall

Come and learn about Spiritual Direction and experience a sample session with role playing. Our very own Marge Wilbur, former Director of the Center to Be and an experienced Spiritual Director, will be here to explain what exactly Spiritual Direction is, where and how you find a Spiritual Director, and how you determine if this is something for you. Briefly defined, Spiritual direction is a process of accompanying people on their spiritual journeys toward a deeper relationship with

God based on their every day experiences. Free will donations will be accepted and refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.

RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION

We currently have one adult going through the RCIA process here at IHM. RCIA is ongoing at our parish, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in learning about the Roman Catholic tradition (or simply learning *more*) and would like to attend the sessions, please extend an invitation and have them contact Kathy Smith. We are also inviting everyone who wasn't confirmed in high school, but may be interested now that they are an adult, to please contact Kathy about instruction.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



We welcome new members at any time!

If you can knit or crochet and would like to join an amazing group, consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet once a month either on Tuesday morning or Friday evening. All levels of ability are welcome. Remaining dates for 2011: Tuesdays (8:45-10am in the RCIA/Choir Room next to church) Sept. 27, Oct. 25 and Nov. 29; Fridays (6-7:30pm in the Parish Blue Room) Sept. 30, Oct. 28 and Dec. 2. Please contact Kathy Smith or Clara Weinberger if you are interested. Donations of yarn are always welcome.

H.O.L.Y. LOOMERS MINISTRY

A Second Beginner's Class will begin in fall. Watch the bulletin for details.

The first class is busy looming hats and scarves for the St. Vincent De Paul Society to be given to patrons of the IHM Food Pantry as well as Repairers of the Breach. Donations of yarn or gift cards to Michaels or JoAnn Fabrics are much appreciated so they may continue this valuable service.



BREAVEMENT REMINDERS

The Common Ground of Grief

San Camillo 10200 W. Bluemound Rd.

A Series of monthly conversations with Patrick Dean continues:

Grief Education Topics: First Tuesdays, these are offered 11am-12:30pm and repeated 6:30-8pm

Sept. 6 – An Upside-Down World: Devastation After a Child's Death at Any Age

Oct. 4 – Suicide – An Unquiet Silence: The Whys & Ways Through Forever Grief

Nov. 1 – Holiday Mournings: The Seeming Paradox of Celebration & Mourning/Part I

Dec. 6 - Holiday Mournings: The Seeming Paradox of Celebration & Mourning/Part 2

Support Group Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ San Camillo

September 13 & 27; October 11 & 25; November 8 and December 13

Pre-registration NOT necessary; sessions are FREE and open to everyone

DIVORCED & SEPARATED MINISTRY

New Horizons: New Life After Divorce – A Weekend of Healing

October 14-16, 2011 and February 10-12, 2012

Schoenstatt Retreat Center, W284 N698 Cherry Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188

This is a weekend retreat for those embarking on a new phase of life after divorce. It is a ministry supported by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but members of all faith traditions are welcome. Whether you are recently divorced or have been for years, you will find this to be a rewarding experience. There are presentations, time for personal reflection, small group sharing and a healing prayers. The cost is \$150 which includes meals, lodging and materials. Registration must be received a week prior to the retreat. Brochures are available in the Gathering Area or contact Kathy Smith for more information.



Our YOUNG ADULTS are busy planning formational and social events for YA's ages 19-39, single or married – watch Facebook, the bulletin and our website for details!



Want to join the planning team or simply have some great ideas? Contact Kathy Smith and she'll connect you.



Interested in getting involved with Adult Formation? Do you have suggestions or ideas that we should pursue? Come and join our Adult Formation Team. We meet the 4th Mondays of the month.

Contact Kathy Smith

Religious Education

Summer seemed to get off to a slow start,
but all of a sudden we do have summer and its heat!!!!

However; the time is just going too fast---school is just around the corner and with that comes registration forms for our *GIFT PROGRAM*. **Registration forms went out the first week of August; if you did not get one please call my office at 414-453-0300.**

Our *GIFT PROGRAM* is for all families who want to learn more about their religion. It is for families with children, high school students and beyond. It is also for empty nesters. It is for anyone who would like to learn more about their religion. THIS FALL WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE CHANGES IN THE WORDING OF SOME OF THE PRAYERS AT MASS IN THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL AND WHY THESE ARE HAPPENING. WE WILL REFERENCE HOW THE CHANGES ARE CLOSER TO THE PHRASEOLOGY USED IN SCRIPTURE.

The new changes will take place the first Sunday of Advent. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO OUR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT THESE CHANGES.

Parents who have children in second grade will have to sign up for the GIFT Program and extra classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. A separate mailing will go out to these parents.

Jan Grosschadl



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Oct. 6,7,& 8. Bring items on the 5th

Mark your calendar for the **CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND COOKIE SALE**
1st weekend in December

The Parish received a **thank you letter** from *The Cathedral Center* for our generous \$801 Lenten Almsgiving donation. The Cathedral Center shelters up to 60 guests a night in-house and case managers work with singles and families in the community as well.

The Cathedral Center located at 845 N. Van Buren, Milwaukee, is a nonsectarian agency for women and families.

The Salzmann Library ... A well-kept secret that should be shared!. The Milwaukee Archdiocese has an amazing library that is open to everyone in the diocese. It is open Tuesday/Thursday from 12—8 pm and Wednesday/Friday /Saturday from 10 am—4 pm.

The library is located at 3257 S. Lake Dr., just south of Henni Hall on the grounds of St. Francis Seminary (414) 748-6479 or mschrauth@sfs.edu for information.

BATTER UP!

Did you know that IHM has a softball team? No? Well, we do! At Pat Fischer's suggestion, I interviewed the coach, Dan Andrae. The IHM TIGERS have been playing for over **thirty years!** And Dan has been the coach for all this time! With an array of past and present parishioners, the team hasn't exactly been the Brewers, but, hey, they belong to us!

It all began in 1978 (that's 34 years ago!) all because of Father Al Vogt. At a Hospitality Sunday after Mass, Father said he thought that, since Dan had coached grade school basketball for years, he must have a natural coaching ability. So, why couldn't he start a softball team? (The IHM grade school basketball teams were called the Tigers; hence the team name.) Father thought the parish should be more active in things. Of course, it didn't hurt that Father Al himself wanted to play softball! "Everybody has their cross to carry, Dan, and yours is coaching," he told Dan with a grin.

So an ad was placed in the bulletin calling for players. Many people thought they could be good softball players. Some who responded were former grade school basketball players, who still called Dan "Coach." Dan says they were kind of a ragtag outfit that first year; they started out very humbly, winning only one game out of 14. They played in the West Allis Church League, which was made up of teams of all denominations. The league consisted of eight teams and, of course, with IHM winning just one game, they started out on the bottom. However, in the next five years they gradually got better, winning one game in '78, two in '79, three in '80, six in '81, and, finally, a winning season in '82—nine and eight!!! Yeah!

Dan remembers getting a plaque while coaching grade school basketball that read: "If at first you don't succeed, FAILURE may be your thing." Not accepting failure as their "thing", the teams kept plugging away. Many hadn't played since their younger years and wanted to do well. There really was no age limit, but usually the players were out of high school.

One member of the original team was Tom Jakubowski, whom many of us well remember, and 1978 was the same year the Kazoo Band started. Dan told Tom he'd march in his kazoo band, if Tom would play on his softball team. So Tom played and Dan marched and is still marching! Chuck Wilkie, the current Kazoo Band leader, was also an early team member. A listing of those first teams reads like a "who's who" of IHM: Ron Gallun, John Hopkins, Joe Apollo, John Beckman, Dave Hutchinson, Randy Keil, Mike Lekan, Ralph Robers, Larry Rummel, Mike Schafer, Jim Terrian, Dave Rymaszewski and Dick Styer.

The Tigers played in the Church League for 24 years, until they were the only Church team still standing. That was in 2000. The WA-WM Park and Rec Director said they wanted to have the IHM team continue playing and invited them to join their Tavern League. This league was very competitive and the team was told they no longer had to have only IHM members on their team. Dan says they became ecumenical because there were a few members of the other church teams who also still wanted to play. They added some pretty good Lutheran players that year, two of whom – Jerry Brooks and Dave Jesse -- still play on the IHM team.

Mike Chmielewski, who is now a deacon at Holy Apostles, began playing in 1983 and is still playing, along with his son, Tony. Mike has really made it a family affair with two brothers on the team, a close family friend and the friend's father. Dan says he doesn't have to make too many phone calls when there's a cancellation. Deacon Keith Marx played for several years as did his son Brian. Duane Holz, who retired last year from the team saying his legs just couldn't do it anymore, gave his all for many years. Greg Ganus, who was a lector here, still plays on the team. His son Brad played a few years. Dan's two sons, Tom and Neal, have played several seasons. Trish, Dan's wife, reminded him that, on one year's team, there were **three** father-son combinations.

Over the years, there have been many father-son pairings: Mike Fraundorf and his son, Mike Jr.; Don Buchta and his sons Jay and Mike; "Doc" Earl Schram and his sons Dave and Phil; Tom Jakubowski's sons, Mike and Troy also played and Mike is still their pitcher. Joe Mozina played for many years as did Freddy

Petersen III; also the Ferrito “boys” Sal, John and Tony; and brothers Mark, Joe and John Couture who still plays. Some more names out of the past – Deacon Dennis Fietz and Father Jim Penczykowski, Darin De-Quardo, Tim Brown and Tom Kienzle. Dan plays too, but these days, only in an emergency. He still coaches because it makes him feel young—he says hanging around old people all the time can make you feel old.

The IHM Tigers greatest season was in 1993, when, with a 13 and 3 overall record, they won the Church League Championship. There was also an All-City Tournament for both church and tavern teams, whoever wanted to play, and IHM won it! It was the 19th Annual West Allis Tournament and turned out to be the final year for the tournament. Dan thinks they figured if a church team could win it, things were getting pretty bad. Aw!

Through all the years, or at least 30 of them, the team was sponsored by Russ Stone of Stone’s Pharmacy. Russ, who also played in those early years, paid the team entry fee and each player paid his own player’s fee, so no money came from the church for this. Since Russ retired from his business, one of the players, Tim Sanchez, who owns **Fratelli’s** on 62nd and Lincoln, took over sponsoring the team. Tim is a former parish member and longtime friend and went to school with Dan’s son. Tim also sponsors the raffle tickets for the IHM Festival every year. Though Russ had always been a silent sponsor, Dan told Tim if he wanted his restaurant name mentioned, that was good. The entry fee for one year is \$300-plus, and the players still pay their own \$24 player’s fee. Fratelli’s provides shirts for each team member. The team is now called IHM Tigers/Fratelli’s.

Softball season starts at the end of April and runs through August. With all the recent rain, they may play a lot of make-up games. They play on Monday nights, but it often seems to rain on Mondays. In fact, at the time of this interview, it was raining cats and dogs and, guess what—yes, it was a Monday. The games are played at Nathan Hale High School on 117th and Cleveland. As of July 25th, their record was 5 wins and 4 losses. They are tied for third place.

When asked if they are looking for other players, Dan said, “Absolutely! Every year. People get older or something occurs and they can’t play, so we’re always looking.” Dan says it’s been enjoyable over the years, though sometimes it was tough. “If you can win one more game than you lose, then you feel you’ve succeeded.” That’s basically all he’s been shooting for and now, it’s just great being with the guys, the camaraderie. “That’s very important,” Dan says. When asked about practices, he said there is one—just before the season starts; well, maybe two or three if it’s not raining or snowing!

The current team members are:

Mark Van Rixel	Ryan Ellifson	Jerry Brooks	Mike Chmielewski
Jeff Van Rixel	Mike Jakubowski	Gregg Ganas	Tony Chmielewski
David Van Rixel	Tim Sanchez	Dave Jesse	Tom Chmielewski
	Dan Allen	John Couture	Gary Chmielewski

And, of course, their fearless leader, Dan Andrae

Now, might there be someone on the list you would like to go and cheer up, er, for? If so, there might still be games on their schedule. The last scheduled game is August 8th at 7:15 PM. There are always fans in the stands; this year, there were as many as three babies in strollers cheering for their dads! To check for any make-up dates, or to volunteer to play next year, just call Dan Andrae at 262-786-8114.

Originally, this article should have appeared in the last Heart Beat, so perhaps there would be more folks in the stands. But wouldn’t it be fun if they could have a big turnout of fans before the season ends? Of course, there may not be any tailgating permitted. It’s a thought, though, isn’t it?

Julie Mushall (with Dan and Trish playing “mop-up”)
(NOTE: Last issue’s article on Fr. Karl was also written by Julie Mushall)

*NEW COMMUNION
CUP*



For many years Immaculate Heart of Mary has used a crystal design glass cup for communion distribution. Recently a number of these have broken and need to be replaced. However, the pattern and type of glass are no longer available.

A number of you have requested that we purchase cups that cannot break and shatter which causes stress for the ministers of the cup and compromises the integrity of the blessed wine

After much research, it came down to a choice between a pewter cup or a stainless steel cup. The pewter, while less expensive, is soft metal which will bend easily. So we chose to go with a polished stainless steel cup that will be easy to clean, easy to hold, unbreakable and should last for many years to come.

Since this is not a budgeted item a wonderful Cup Angel decided to purchase the cups for the parish community. Her name is June Mutsch. In a note from June she writes:

Dear IHM Community,

My gift of the six Communion Cups was given in thanksgiving to God for the improvement to my health in my ongoing battle with cancer.

*In love and gratitude
June Mutsch*

With all this inflation going on, about all you can get for a dollar is a picture of George Washington

Veteran Quest, Ltd.

Bethany House when first built housed a group of nuns dedicated to helping our school children. Now Bethany House is occupied by a group of dedicated Veterans whose mission is to help Veterans, their wives and families especially those suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

Bethany House is also being used by our Parish Nurse, our Child and Youth Ministry and the Women's Ministry Craft Group.

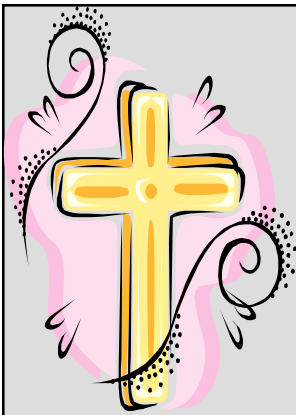
VETERAN QUEST, LTD. is a non profit clinical program providing mental health services to veterans and their families. Veteran Quest offers services beyond traditional areas such as V.A. hospital It assists those who are wait-listed for services and those ineligible for services at local vet centers.

A fully organized clinic, Veteran Quest is located in West Allis, WI. It maintains staff psychotherapists led by Dr. Murray Bernstein, PHD, LCSW, board certified Trauma Counselor and Kathy Anderson, M.S. Trauma Therapist and peer Mentors led by John M. Kusko, supervisor/trained peer mentor and administrative staff.

Mission Statement: " Veteran Quest. Ltd. Is a non-profit clinical program serving veterans and their families. It provides in-housed therapeutic services, peer support and community outreach programs to veterans of both active and reserve status readjusting to civilian life. The program includes all levels of military service, both combat and non-combat engagement as well as peacetime traumatic experiences. "

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Donations Welcomed





In Loving Memory

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

Jean Boisvert June 9, 1946—May 19, 2011

Charles Burkhalter August 3, 1912—May 22, 2011

Helen Joerres April 27, 1930—June 14, 2011

Mary Ann Kaczmarzyk Oct. 25, 1926—June 6, 2011



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

John and Carol Crayne

Robin Halbrooks

Katie Kushava and daughter, Kaliyan

Mary McAdams

Judith Mulhaney

Baptisms

May 21

Rylen Wesley Caufield

child of Ryan and Rhannon

Carter Michael Behling

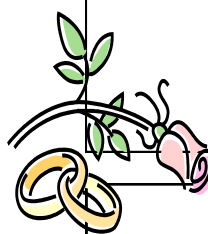
child of Christopher and Angela



Wedding Announcement

June 25, 2011

Nicholas Narlock and Amy Wroblewski



Wedding Anniversaries

50th - Chuck and Bonnie McLaughlin - July 30

52nd -John and Celine Pierson - May 21

65th- Casey and Rita Janiszewski— July 3

65th- Bill and Terry Gorski—July 20



This year's First Communion class received the Sacrament on May 14 and May 15. The children are:

Jason Freimark

Isabella Leiner

Alyssa Meyers

Brady Mocco

Cade Mocco

Matthew Pfaff

Gabriella Pfeifer

Easton Scherer

Rachael Siegel

IT'S STATE FAIR TIME ONCE AGAIN

We have some winners of prizes again this year/

Donna Henry (wife of Deacon Walt) knit many prize winning sweaters. She received a 1st for a woman's cardigan and for a woman's pull over sweater. A sleeveless vest and a man's long sleeved sweater both received 2nd and a holiday themed knit earned a 3rd. Her knitted hat placed 4th.

Their son, Christopher Henry entered his yeast bakery and took two 1st prizes for beer bread and for rye bread. His herb bread and whole grain bread both won 2nds.

Mary Jo Kukec (Andy's wife) has been entering for some years, but we just learned about it this year, She entered in the craft division with stamping cards and won a 1st and 3rd and also won a 2nd for a decorated picture frame.

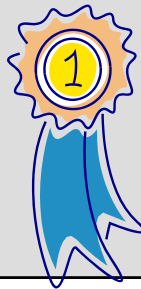
Joan Gaska entered spinning, knitting and weaving. A hand spun and knit sweater won 1st as did a pair of knit mittens. 2nd place winners were a pair of knitted, felted slippers, a knit scarf and a woven scarf. A woven bath mat took 3rd.

Anne Gaska (Joan's daughter) placed 3rd with a knitted cardigan.

Mary Kartz (also Joan's daughter) won three 1st place ribbons for a wedding dress in the Trash to Treasure class made from old slip lace, for a stuffed toy bear and for a tailored jacket.

Claire Karts (Mary's daughter) entered a dress she sewed and won 3rd place.

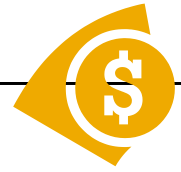
Congratulations all!



HELP WANTED!

Do you like to write stories or articles? Do you have the use of a computer, email and/or publisher program? Or do you like to drive downtown? We are looking for some assistance with the Heart Beat. Please call any of the Heart Beat Committee for information. Phone numbers are listed on the back cover.

Fair Trade



Fair Trade has become the new buzz word in our economy. "Buy Fair Trade" is a slogan we see and hear in our papers, in stores, in churches, in the media. But what exactly is Fair Trade and why should consumers buy Fair Trade merchandise?

Fair Trade is a global approach providing a market for poor, independent farmers and artisans in underdeveloped countries who need an outlet for their products and the opportunity to receive a fair price for their work. They unite with their neighbors to form a co-op, selling their goods directly to a supplier and eliminating the "middle man", who exploits the grower by paying a low price in order to gain a greater profit for himself. Fair Trade allows the small, independent grower to obtain a better and more fair price by negotiating with the supplier. The co-op uses a portion of the income in bettering its local community through money for schools, medical clinics, soil improvement programs, scholarships, etc. Not only the farmers but also their villages benefit from Fair Trade. Uniting with other growers empowers them to have a stronger voice in the global market economy.

When you buy produce at a farmer's market, he receives the money directly and has established his own price. But poor, small farmers in an underdeveloped country must have a market for crops. Forming a co-op with others increases their ability to find a supplier from whom they can obtain a better and more fair price and gain an opening to the world market.

In many countries women toil in the fields and receive little protection or compensation. Fair Trade farms are required to provide health care, certain job rights, and other benefits for women and, in turn, their families.

When I visited a coffee co-op in the hills of the Dominican Republic, I saw first-hand the benefits of a coffee coop. An American Peace Corps volunteer was working with the village's co-op to establish business practices. A medical clinic was being built in this remote village. High school education in the city was being provided for some of the local youth. There was pride in the eyes of the co-op growers. Together they were moving forward and gaining confidence and self-worth. The cycle of poverty was being broken.

Fair Trade's mission is to help underdeveloped country growers find a place in the world's market and improve not only themselves but also their land and their communities. We all want a more decent and just world where exploitation of workers is a thing of the past. Consumers can work toward this by changing their shopping habits and purchasing Fair Trade goods.

Nancy Wilke

RECIPE CORNER



CROWD PLEASING VEGGIE BAKE

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| 1 - 20 oz. frozen cauliflower | 1 - 17 oz. can cream style corn. |
| 1 - 10 oz. frozen cut broccoli | 1 - 17 oz. can whole kernel corn (drained) |
| 2 c. (8oz.) shredded Swiss Cheese | 1 - 10-3/4 oz. can condensed Cream of Celery Soup |
| 1 - 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms (drained) | 1 - 1/2 c. soft rye or other bread crumbs |
| | 2 Tbsp. melted butter |

Cook cauliflower and broccoli according to pkg. directions, drain. Cut up any large pieces. Combine cream corn and drained whole kernel corn, cheese, and soup. Fold in cooked veggies. Turn into greased 9 x 13 pan. Toss bread crumbs with melted butter, sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake uncovered @ 375 degrees - 30 to 35 min. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

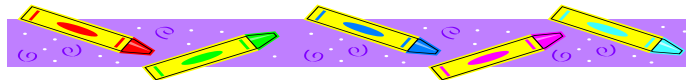
Julie Mushall



KIDS KORNER

Two small children were talking when the first asked the second one, "What kind of lights did Noah's Ark have?"

The second child said, "I don't know. What kind?"
"Floodlights." answered the first child.



A small boy came in from play and climbed up in his mother's lap. "Momma," he said seriously, "where was Daddy born?"

"He was born in Oklahoma, honey."

"Where were you born?"

"I was born in Alabama." his mother smiled fondly.

"Where was I born?"

"You were born right here in Ohio."

He smiled. "Isn't it a wonder that we all got together?"

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

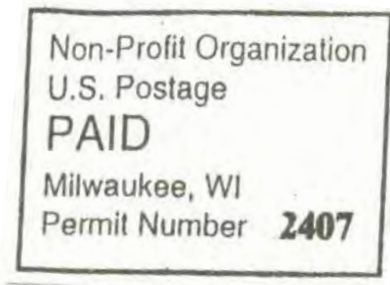
August	26	St. Ben's	
September	10	Blood Pressure Clinic—4:30 Mass	
	11	Hospitality Sunday (Eucharistic Ministers) Blood Pressure Clinic	
	18	GIFT Program	
	19	GIFT Program	
	20	9:00 am Potato Washing—Kitchen 11:30—3:00 Senior Meeting—Hall 1:30 Mission Meeting—Blue Room	
	23	St. Ben's	
	25	10:30 Adult Formation "Spiritual Directionn—What s It? Who Is it for?" Hall	
	26	Adult Formation Committee Meeting	
	October	2	GIFT Program
		3	GIFT Program
5,6,7,8		RUMMAGE SALE set-up & sale	
8		Blood Pressure Clinic 4:30 mass	
9		Blood Pressure Clinic Hospitality Sunday	
18		11:30—3:00 Senior Meeting—Hall	
22		SPAGHETTI DINNER	
24		Heart Beat Deadline	
November		6	GIFT Program
	7	GIFT Program	
	12	Blood Pressure Clinic	
	13	Hospitality (Readers) Blood Pressure Clinic	
	15	11:30—3:00 Senior Meeting Hall	



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May the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and of all the Saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you to grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.