



# St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

9520 West Forest Home Avenue  
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*"Celebrating spiritual growth, centered in Christ, through Word,  
Sacrament and Service."*

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Saturday: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

## Rite of Reconciliation:

1st Saturday of the month:  
11:00am - 11:30am  
or by appointment

## Parish Office Hours:

8:30am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday  
5:30pm to 8:00pm Monday – Thursday (limited services)  
8:30am to 12:00 Noon on Saturday (limited services)

## Registering to the Parish:

New-to-the-area families and individuals are welcome and invited to join St. Mary Catholic Faith Community. Young adults should join as members. You may register at the Parish Office (weekdays) or the Communication Center before or after any weekend Liturgy. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation, Confirmation and enrollment in the Religious Education Programs.

## Infant Baptism:

Baptisms take place the second and fourth weekends during the liturgies and on the third Sunday at 1:00pm. Please call the Parish Office, 414-425-2174 during the first trimester. If adopting, call when arrangements are certain. Baptism preparation work is required for parents.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry:

The food pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 3:00pm to 4:30pm or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact the Parish Office at 414-425-2174, ext. 210 Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

# LITURGICAL

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 8 — Jerome Emiliani, Josephine Bakhita**  
8:15 am Mass

**Tuesday, February 9**  
8:15 am All School Communion Service

**Wednesday, February 10 — St. Scholastica**  
8:15 am Communion Service  
6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation

**Thursday, February 11 — Our Lady of Lourdes**  
8:15 am Communion Service  
6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation

**Friday, February 12**  
8:15 am Mass  
† Reynold Schultz

## Mission Weekend

**Saturday, February 13: 4:00pm**

**Sunday, February 14: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am**

- † Jack Thompson (anniv.)
- † Fred & Doris Marchetti
- † Loretta Stachowski
- † Corporal Andrew Marrari
- † Henry & Gladys Haas
- † AJ Enk
- † Edward & Clara Stiec
- † Raymond Zydowicz
- † John Corro
- † Marjorie Schaefer (anniv.)

**Please Note** — Although a liturgy is listed in the Mass Intentions above, there may be times when a priest is not available and a Communion Service will be celebrated instead. Call the Parish Office at 414-425-2174 for the most current info.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special liturgical ministry that offers children a chance to hear the Word of God in simpler language and discuss it with others their own age. We offer CLOW on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 9:00am & 11:00am Mass. **At this time CLOW is available for children Grades 1-5 only.** If you are interested in helping with a K5 group, please call our Director of Children's Ministry, Jim Beuscher at (414) 425-3101.

**Palm Weaving** — Palm Sunday will soon be here and there has been some vocalized interest in palm weaving. Palm weaving is becoming a lost art. A few of our parishioners know how to weave palms and would like to share this art with anyone who may be interested. Whether you weave and would like to teach the basic patterns to others or you would like to learn to weave palms, please complete the form below and return it to the Communication Center of Parish Office no later than **February 13th**. Questions? Call Sandy Szalacinski at 414-282-6450.

### Palm Weaving: Attn. Sandy Szalacinski

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Weaver \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## From Wendy's Desk:

### Seeing

This last Christmas season was unusual. All I wanted for Christmas was a nice warm shower! You see my husband and I spent several hours getting to O'Hare Airport (bad weather) and 9 1/2 hours on a plane bound for Rome, Italy. Don was directing a study trip and we were arriving early to make arrangements in the city prior to the arrival of the 23 students. My husband is fond of public transportations (read cheap), so we trudged through the rain with bulky luggage, taking the train from the airport and the crowded bus from there. We found the convent where we were staying and collapsed.

Once in full swing, the study trip experience was tremendous. On one of our final evenings, I decided to walk into Vatican City. That was when something quite unusual happened. I wanted to purchase some religious articles with the hopes of having them blessed at the papal audience the next day. Walking alone, with umbrella in hand, I noticed a man walking toward me. There was something familiar about him. Yes, I thought for sure I knew this person. As he walked past me, I was tempted to call out his name but then doubt grabbed me and my thought was, "Don't be silly, this man probably won't even speak English! Don't bother"...

But being the victim of a lifetime of chronic indecision, I changed my mind and decided to go for it. By this time, the man was several paces behind me. I turned heel and sped up to get closer. Careful now. Don't scare him. Don't jab him with your umbrella. Does that look like him or not? Oh, never mind. What are the chances of seeing someone you know on the streets of Rome?! Stop this stalking!!

Just then the sidewalk went into a portico area, an area that had some shelter and in which some homeless men were getting their bedding ready, trying to stay warm and dry outside on this winter night. When this mystery man I was following walked past the homeless, I watched him. That was when I knew it was him, by *how he noticed the poor*. He really saw them. His compassionate gaze took them in. He saw them with a contemplative presence. There was a kindness in his eyes. He was respectful, non-judgmental...and that gave him away.

Yes, Wendy, go ahead and see if it's really him. Fear not! So I courageously stepped up to the man and said "Excuse me, are you Bishop Richard Sklba from Milwaukee?"

## Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5,7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7,8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5,10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11b,12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7b,1-22; Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

## "exploring the Sunday Readings"

Copies of "exploring the Sunday Readings" are available in the Communications Center before and after all Masses.

# LITURGICAL

## God's Call

In today's scriptures we hear three instances of people receiving and responding to a call from God. These accounts follow the pattern of most scriptural call narratives: a divine presence appears and speaks and the person expresses fear or unworthiness, receives encouragement and finally responds to God's call. Today's first reading shows an unworthy Isaiah responding to the Lord's call, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). In the second reading Paul tells us that, even though he had persecuted the church, he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel, despite Simon Peter's protest that he is a sinner, Jesus calls James, John and Simon to follow him. They leave everything they have and follow Jesus—that is, they become Jesus' disciples. These scriptures can challenge us to take stock of our lives. How do we experience Jesus' call to discipleship in our lives? How well and faithfully are we responding? © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.


## We Pause for Self-Knowledge

It was Peter's turn to "find himself" in the grand scheme of things. He had been a fisherman for as long as he could remember. He and his partners James and John had grown up by that lake, had been friends and had lived in relative obscurity during that time. Then, unexpectedly, Jesus gets into his boat and the rest is history: salvation history!

When Jesus gets into our boat, obscurity is no longer a possibility. Think about it: Peter, James and John became Peter, James and John. Three guys who fish became the privileged three friends of Jesus. A handful of frustrated fishermen became the most successful fellows on the lake. And not just because of that one day's catch.

Peter's response is the now-familiar pause of self-recognition: He is a sinner, not worthy of this honor. But Jesus tells him not to fear. It is to sinners that holiness comes and in whom the Spirit of holiness chooses to dwell. Having ears to hear, these men leave the past behind and go with Jesus immediately. God's Word is Alive by Alice Camille, ACTA Publications 5559 W. Howard Street Skokie, IL 60077, www.actapublications.com

**Pray For List Now Updated** — As was stated in previous bulletins, the *Pray For* list below has now been re-set. If there is someone you would like to add to the list, please call the Parish Office at 425-2174. As in the past, new names will be added at the top and the following week the name will be added to the alphabetized list.

	Delphine Lukomski	Ted Jakubowski
	Judy Lisowski	Charlene Rytman
	Maureen Kosmatka	Chris Ryan
	Barb Weis	Dorothy Knitter
	Lisa Konizter	

Joseph Anderer, Sr.	Gerdi Machnitzky
Don and Ellen	Jim Penoske
Debby Fricano	George E. Schrimpf
Tom Grinker	Helen Slowinski
Diane Hogue	Diane Stanislawski Carol
Margaret Inhoff	Anne Werkowski
Russ Kelm	James P. Windorff
Graham Kunisch	Betty Yogerst

## Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

8:15am All School Liturgy, (incense free)  
 12:10pm Mass (incense free)  
 7:00pm *Walking Together, Secure in God's Love* (followed by a Prayer Service and distribution of ashes. Incense will be used).

## Lenten Regulations

- **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and all **\*Fridays** of Lent
- **Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics over the age of 18 but not yet 59. Those bound by this may only take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

### Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal practices.

(Those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations)

\*In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

## Questions for Next Week



In what part of your life do you know yourself to be blessed? Is there an aspect of your life that seems cursed? How are you poor? How are you rich? How might you give from your wealth?

## Action Response

Almsgiving stares us in the face this week. Give a scary amount of money to your favorite service or justice organization if you have it. Volunteer some time to a group that needs you. Be more available to a lonely neighbor, an elderly relative, a child who is crying out for attention. God's Word is Alive by Alice Camille, ACTA Publications 5559 W. Howard Street Skokie, IL 60077, www.actapublications.com

## In Preparation for Next Week

### February 14, 2010 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** — Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

## Little Black Book

This year as a cost saving measure, we will be taking orders for the Lent Little Black Book. The cost is \$1.00 per book. Please place your order with this coupon and turn it in to the Communication Center or the Parish Office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Books \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Books may be picked up in the Communication Center on the weekend or in the Parish Office during regular business hours.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 7

8:00am	New Beginnings	Board Room
9:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	Church
9:00am	LLFF Classes, Grades K4-1	School
9:15am	RCIA	Room 312
11:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	Church

### Monday, February 8

3:00pm	SVdP Food Pantry	
6:15pm	LLFF Classes, Grades 1-5	School
6:15pm	Middle School LLFF Classes	School
7:00pm	Athletic Association Meeting	Board Room

### Tuesday, February 9

7:30am	Lumen Christi Employment Ministry	Rm. 312
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Board Room
5:45pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Room 105
6:00pm	Scout Photo Night	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Board Room
8:00pm	Men's Basketball	Community Centre

#### No Scripture Study

### Wednesday, February 10

5:00pm	LLFF Classes, Grades 1-5	School
5:00pm	Middle School LLFF Classes	School
6:30pm	1st Reconciliation	Church
6:30pm	St. Mary's Singles (45+) Game Night	Rm 312
7:00pm	Engaging Spirituality Session 2	Board Room

### Thursday, February 11

9:00am	Church Cleaning	
6:30pm	1st Reconciliation	Church
6:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Room 105
7:00pm	Adult Confirmation	Board Room

### Friday, February 12

### Saturday, February 13

#### Mission Kick-Off Weekend

9:00am	Cantor Meeting	Board Room/Church
10:30am	Market Day Pick Up	Cafeteria

### Sunday, February 14

#### Mission Kick-Off Weekend

9:30am	RCIA	Parish Office Conf. Rm.
4:30pm	RCIA Retreat	Room 312
5:30pm	Candlelight Dinner (0-5yrs)	Gathering Space

**Congratulations** — to Mitchell Gasper of Boy Scout Troop 530 on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The rank of Eagle Scout is only achieved by 3% of all scouts in the United States. Along with earning 21 merit badges one must also develop and lead a community service project. Mitchell designed and built the 300 sq ft concrete Memorial Appreciation Platform at Woods National Cemetery on the VA grounds. The platform will be used annually during Memorial Day services. Over a fifteen month period, Mitchell raised more than \$11,500 in donations, worked with more than twenty Milwaukee area companies and managed dozens of volunteers for a total of 850 man hours.

### St. Mary Singles (45+)

Just a reminder that our next Game Night will take place on Wednesday, February 10th in Room 312 at 6:30pm. New members are always welcome as we look forward to another night of fun & games! We ask all those whose last names begin with the letters M thru Z to bring a snack. There will be a free will offering for beverages. Don't forget to bring along a non-perishable food item for the St. Mary Food Pantry to help those in need.

## LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

### Mercy Me!

In conjunction with the **Parish Lenten Mission 2010**, there will be a 4-week series to probe the biblical understanding of **MERCY**. Interested parishioners are encouraged to join the **Thursday Morning Faith-sharing Group**, in the Parish Board Room, at 9:00am every Thursday of March. (March 4, 11, 18 & 25). Dorie and Gene Berg will facilitate with their skilled, warm and welcoming leadership. The coffee is always good. The topic is divine! Sign up by contacting Wendy Rappé, Director of Adult and Family Ministry at 414-425-3103, ext. 337, or rappew@stmaryhc.org.

### Did You Know?

We are well into the second semester of our Faith Formation Classes for children. At each class we proclaim the Gospel for the upcoming weekend (from the Children's Lectionary) and discuss it with the children. In grades 1st through 8th, most lessons will also have a scripture story (adapted for the particular age group) that ties in with the theme for the day. Scripture is an important piece of our Catholic Tradition!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**Food Pantry** — Our SVdP Food Pantry is open twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The pantry is open to all parishioners and to all families that live in our parish area. If you cannot make the time the pantry is open, SVdP keeps pre-packed bags of groceries in the Parish Office that can be picked up during regular business hours, 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Because of the heavy use of our pantry, we quickly run out of food despite very generous donations by our St. Mary parishioners. **We are currently low or out of the following nonfood items:** clothes soap, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper and paper towels. Donations of any items listed above or any food donation is appreciated.

**Help Beyond Food** — If your family needs emergency help beyond food, give us a call at 425-2174, ext 210 and leave a message with your return phone number. A SVdP member will call you back and discuss your situation in total confidentiality. If help by SVdP is possible, a home visit by two members of SVdP will be set up with you.

**Loss of a Dear Friend** — On January 25th, our St. Mary SVdP lost a dear friend and SVdP member, Bob Brey. Bob was a gentle, caring man that worked with his wife Karen, on many SVdP projects. They ran the annual Blood Drive for many years. Running the Thanksgiving Food Drive was also on their list of many outreaches. We at SVdP will dearly miss Bob. I ask that you pray for Karen and their family in this time of loss.

## ALTAR SERVERS

### Servers — \*Cross Bearers

#### Saturday, February 13

4:00pm \*Sarah Bitant, Michaela Kane, Amelia Bitant

#### Sunday, February 14

7:30am \*Jim Malkowski, John Carlo Joyce, John Franco Joyce  
 9:00am \*Joseph Chiappetta, Katie Rosenwald, Elizabeth Menden  
 11:00am \*Joe Falzon, Kristina Kollauf, Jada Falzon

# BE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER

## **Our Haitian Connection**

Excerpts from Vivian's blog (From Matthew 25) Jan 27 — "The food situation is getting desperate. We have about 2200 people in the camp at night. We've designated a child safe area and will hopefully start some form of school or activities for the children. The young people volunteering in the camp will take a census that just focuses on children. Although there are many here at night, others come with their parents to have their dressings changed. It is extremely painful. Still others sit and watch one of their parents undergo the process. Child safety has become vital. No one in Port-au-Prince is sleeping inside. Hence children from orphanages are sleeping outside on the street as well, which makes them very vulnerable. There are reports that some children have "disappeared." If people have connections in the countryside they're being encouraged to try to make contact to see what the needs are. There are medical supplies in the Capital. We're getting requests from medical personnel who want to work in the city, but they will be needed in the countryside."

Jan 25-26 — "Finding food is a confusing, intertwined puzzle. There is food available for sale. There are market women on the street, although not nearly the number there was two weeks ago. There is food in at least two supermarkets. We've bought some. However, people have no jobs and no money. Food distribution by the major agencies has been calm in some places and riotous in others. We've been trying to get some food for two encampments outside a local church, St. Simon/St. Jude. The pastor, Fr. Andrew, has been trying everywhere he can think of. The answer is always, "yes, as soon as we can," or "yes we'll be there tomorrow." The people in this community are getting desperate. When a volunteer leaves here and goes to the UN Food Cluster meeting, we add this camp's name. So, a form is filled out that answers all of the required questions such as the number of people, is there a secure place for distribution, can you provide transport, security, etc.? This gets turned into the UN Help desk. Still nothing. The local community networks have proven more reliable. Schools and other institutions buy food in bulk and those that either own or operate such facilities still have their normal contacts. Tap into those and it's possible to find a solution and food. Of course these storage facilities, transport means and the like may have been damaged or lost all together, but it's worth attempting to tap these resources on the chance that the supplies may be intact and that the proprietors of them may not be price gouging."

**St Mary-Latiboliere Update:** We are setting up an emergency food distribution site in our sister parish. Supplies of rice, beans, flour and oil will be purchased and distributed through a "card" system identifying those most in need. Your donations to St Mary are directly funding these efforts as well as the ongoing work in Port-au Prince of the people at Matthew 25. (See Vivian's update above and our website for latest news).

## **Lumen Christi Employment Network South**

On February 9th, the group meets at St Mary at 7:30am in Room 312. Please come and see how this networking job group can help you find full employment. Contact Timothy Pappas at 414-271-1975 or email, tpappas@pappasdelaney.com.

## **St Ben's**

This Thursday, February 11th, it is the privilege of our St. Mary Catholic Faith Community to serve the evening meal at St. Ben's. Please bring your food that day either to the cart outside the Parish Office between 9:00am and 3:00pm or the lower parking lot between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. If you wish to prepare and/or serve food, or have any questions, please call Pat Brust at 414-529-4101 or Heidi Lemke at 262-790-9234. As the economic turmoil continues, the number of individuals helped by the program continues to grow. We could use some extra blessings of salad and desserts. And as always, monetary donations are much appreciated. **Please make checks payable to St. Ben's for use by the St. Mary's/St. Ben's Committee.** Thanks to all who participate and welcome to any newcomers.

## **Childcare Volunteers Needed**

Prince of Peace (1114 S. 25th St.) is seeking volunteers to assist with child care for ESL classes on Tuesday nights, from 6:30–8:00pm. Child care is offered to enable more parents to attend the classes. If you can help once a week or even once a month, please contact April at 414-841-4770 or nsscsa@archmil.org.

## **Lent 2010**

Our parish Lenten Outreach begins February 20-21. Each week, the bulletin will feature information regarding the outreach we will be doing the following weekend. If you wish to make a financial donation, the money will be split between St Mary SVdP and the St Mary Crisis Fund. Pick up the purple Lenten card available this weekend.

**40 Days for Life Milwaukee** — kicks off at Noon on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and goes through Palm Sunday. *40 Days for Life* will be observed in Milwaukee from 7:00am until 7:00pm. All are invited to sign up for time slots. Join others in the struggle for the lives of the unborn. For more information, contact Eva Melenchuck at 414-529-4683.

**Breaking the Yoke of Poverty and Racism: A Reflection in Light of God's Mercy** — February 18th at St. Margaret Mary Parish, beginning at 7:00pm and led by Rev. Bryan Massingale. Music by St. Michael and St. Margaret Mary Choirs. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is celebrating Lent 2010 as the Season of Mercy. An important aspect of the Season of Mercy is the need for reconciliation with our local community and the broader world. This evening will help us to reflect on the divisions in our communities and how we can respond and show mercy to others. St. Margaret Mary is located at 3970 N. 92nd Street in Milwaukee. See the flyer in Communication Center. There is no cost and no pre-registration required. For more information contact Randy Nohl at nohlr@archmil.org or 414-758-2216.

**Reverencing All Life: A Lenten Reflection** – February 22nd at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in the APR Room beginning at 7:00pm. A Lenten Reflection of song, prayer, movement and meditation on the holiness of life. Notre Dame of Elm Grove is located at 13105 Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove (enter at the Bell tower). Sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and Catholics for Peace and Justice. All are invited to attend.

*If you have any questions concerning the Parish Outreach activities, contact Pam Lownik at 414-425-2174, ext. 356.*

## ATTENTION NEWLYWEDS

### Candlelight and Roses Dinner for Newlyweds and Recently Married Valentine's Day, February 14th at 6:00pm

This year, as part of our Parish Mission, couples married up to 5 years are invited to a sit down candlelight dinner at St. Mary Parish. The evening will include a talk on the marriage bond. Fr. Richard Fragomeni, writer and teacher, will engage in a dynamic reflection on the sacrament of marriage and the ways we live it out in a climate that often challenges married love. Interested? Feel led to a night of enrichment with your spouse? Please complete the form below and return it to the Communication Center or Parish Office **no later than this Sunday, February 7th**. Thank you.

#### Candlelight and Roses Valentines Day Dinner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Or email rappew@stmaryhc.org with the above information.

## CAN YOU HELP?

### Attention All 9:00am & 11:00am Mass Go-ers!

We are in need of volunteers to help out in our Communication Center. The commitment is small. You will be scheduled once per month and will open and work in the Communication Center 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after your assigned Mass. Responsibilities include registering new parishioners, handing out items left for parishioners, selling various items (Scrip, Entertainment Books, coffee, etc.) and answering general questions regarding the parish. Training is provided. Please contact Shari in the Parish Office at 414-425-2174 for more information regarding this important ministry.

### We Need Your Help!

Liturgy is in need of help with the ministries listed below. If you would like to help with any of the following, please check the ministry you are interested in and return the form to the Communication Center or the Parish Office. Or if you prefer, contact Daniel O'Connor at oconnorda@stmaryhc.org or by phone at 414-425-2174, ext. 340. Thank you.

- Adult Servers for funerals and holy day masses
- Additional assisting Sacristans for the weekend liturgies
- Sound persons for the weekend liturgies
- Members for the Resurrection Choir
- Funeral Hosts for funeral visitations and funerals
- Reception/Hospitality for various occasions
- Wedding Hosts

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention: Dan O'Connor**

## YOUNG AT HEART

### Koffee Klatch

Our next Koffee Klatch is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners. This month, Joan Lawless who has written, produced and directed over 30 theatrical productions in and around Milwaukee will be our after-lunch entertainer. Doors open at 11:30am and lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$12.00 per person. You can register by calling Shirley or Ernie at 414-284-0654. You can also request transportation if you need it.

### Unique Places in Milwaukee, February 11th Let's Visit Our Neighbors in Racine, March 17th

Both of these trips have been cancelled due to insufficient registrations. Refunds will be provided to those already registered. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Milwaukee County Museum Exhibit "Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible," March 17th

Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how these early writings have shaped the beliefs of Judaism, Christianity and influenced aspects of Islam. Our trip includes motor coach transportation, lunch at the Water Street Brewery, a show at the IMAX theater and a tour of the museum exhibit. A letter from Young at Heart will be mailed next week to all members with further details. The cost is \$40.00 for members and \$43.00 for non-members. Our motor coach will leave the church parking lot at 12:30pm and return at approximately 6:00pm. To register, please use the Registration Form included with the letter you should be receiving shortly. Any questions, please call Jo at 425-422-1123.

## FUNDRAISERS

### Donate Your Aluminum Drink Cans

Boy Scout Troop 530's next aluminum can collection will be held on Saturday, February 27th from 9:00am until 11:00am in the lower parking lot. Please remember to save and donate your aluminum cans to this worthy cause and ask your friends and neighbors to do the same. The boys of Troop 530 thank you for your support. For information call 427-8219.

### McDonald's Receipts

Please collect and turn in McDonald receipts to the School Office. Each receipt (regardless of amount) is one point towards items St Mary's can earn for the classrooms.

### Ronald McDonald House

St Mary's supports the Ronald McDonald House with the collection of aluminum soda/can tabs. Please continue to collect and turn them into the school office. Thank you!

### Where's the Free Money?!

Because of the increasing volume of Gift Card (SCRIP) sales, the SCRIP Program was able to donate \$3000 to the St. Mary Tuition Assistance Fund. The 'free money' comes from the proceeds of purchased of Gift Cards. It didn't cost our parishioners even 1¢ and yet St. Mary's Parish School gained \$3000. Please keep buying gift cards and thanks 3000 times! St. Mary Gift Card Committee.

### VCR or VCR/DVD Combo Units Needed

We are in need of VCR or VCR/DVD combo units. These units must have two sets of the red/white/yellow connections on them, a connection for a cable line and the remote controls. Please contact Tom Kelm at 414-425-2174. Thank you.

