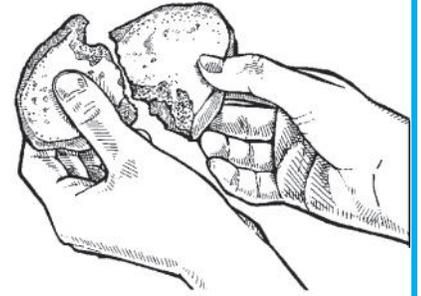


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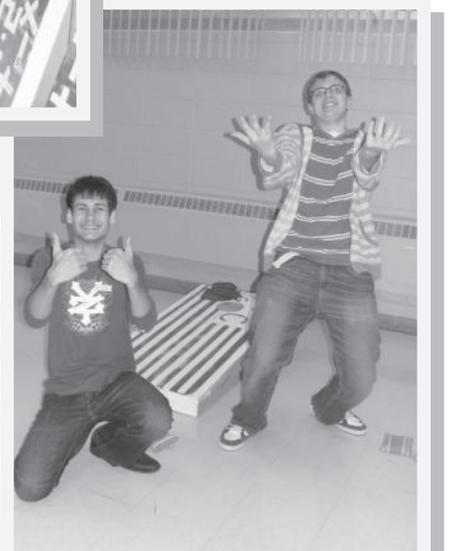
Youth Bonfire - November 28th, 2014

by Bryan Ramsey

Deer hunting, prayer, hot dogs, s'mores, nachos, movies, bean bags and of course, fire.

The middle and high schoolers of St. Mary's, Good Shepherd & St. James had a lot of things to give thanks to God for on November 21st. The third annual Thanksgiving Bonfire included our annual bean bag tournament and a new game of deer hunting to commemorate the opening of the season on that Friday night. There was snow on the ground, but it wasn't terribly cold - especially by the bonfire.

We are grateful to God for all the blessings He brings forth in our abundant lives. We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped make the night a success. We are grateful for all the middle and high schoolers who enjoyed lighting up the night with fun, games and of course, fire.



Special Treats for Special Kids

by Meriel Christensen

Once upon a time, long, long ago, I was a stay at home mom. The weather was changing, the leaves were falling, and there was excitement in the air. It was almost Halloween. I would stand in my kitchen making sugar cookies, frost them with orange frosting and dab jack-o-lantern faces on them. When my boys came home from school they loved to see those cookies.

On the first Sunday of this month I just happened to have some sugar cookie dough in my freezer. The urge to make what I called, "pumpkin cookies" came over me. So there I was with my trusty toothpick and some melted chocolate chips putting triangle eyes and funny mouths on the orange frosted cookies. I ate two of them immediately, to be sure they were okay to eat, you know. As I stood looking at those cookies and wondered how many calories were in them, I knew I had to give them away before I ate every one. Who could I give them to? Then it hit me. The kids at the Cathedral Center. We feed the families who come to the homeless shelter on the first Sunday of each month.

Each cookie was put in a sandwich bag and tied with ribbon. The children eyed the cookies but said nothing. I told them they could each take just one until all the kids had gotten a treat.

I doubt anybody at the meal that night went home with the warm "fuzzies" that I did. If you would like to join us call me at 414 -353-6376. Thanks, Meriel.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO NEED A HAIRCUT

By Monica Schultz

On August 16, 2008, I was honored, shocked and surprised when I received the Good Shepherd Staff Award. I remember Deacon Sandy mentioning the ministries I was involved in, including getting a barbershop up and running at St. Ben's Meal Program.

Well, sort of true. I begged friends, shop owners and others involved in hairdressing to donate whatever they could to open up a closet area at Ben's to cut hair for the homeless. I got two hydraulic chairs, shampoo bowl with chairs, hoses and lots of combs, brushes and shampoo of every type (thanks Bernie Cote).

I dropped the items off and Br. Dave, supervisor of the meal program, announced that people were coming in to cut hair. Jane Clare Ishiguro told her friend, Judy, about our "little closet barber shop". Judy then volunteered to cut hair for people coming to St. Ben's for a meal. She worked alone for a while but she needed more help because the number of people wanting haircuts was more than one person could handle.

That was over a year ago. Since then Gee from Gee's Clippers has volunteered his time. We have also gone to his shop to observe how to cut hair of the African American population. We are learning the terms "cut it low down" and "line me up". We now have teams of 2-3 barbers who go to St. Ben's on 9th and State Sts., in Milwaukee, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. once a week. We shampoo, cut, lend a compassionate ear, joke and laugh. We have made many new friends. Haircutters include Judy Kinney, Meg Latus, Barb Dereszynski, Bernie Cote, Sussie Hoeffler, Alex Broeske, Sue Walski, Beth Fredricksen, Julie Herpolsheimer and me.

God gave us the unique ability to work well with our hands and to reach out to those who want a simple luxury like a haircut. We all would like to look good and feel good about ourselves no matter how tough life is.

If you would be interested in joining our happy little group, please call me at 414 870-0826. You won't regret it!

2014 Eschweiler New Century Fund Memorials (received since July)

The Eschweiler New Century Fund was established as an endowment to provide additional support in carrying out the mission of Good Shepherd.

Since June 2014, the fund has received contributions in memory of the following:

Jeanne M. Allen
Rose Blamer
David Boeck
Bernice Bucher
Jim Bucher
Ethel Castiglione
Joseph D'Agostino
R. V. Dienhart
Fr. Fran Eschweiler
Rebecca Farrell
Deacon Dennis Fietz
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Edwin Szuminski
Donald Torn
Jim Wallace
Patty Wallace
Fred & Marian Wells
Richard Wright
Jean & Edward Zunk
Ethel Zuercher

Deceased members of the Arnold Family
Deceased members of the Collins Family
Deceased members of the Dubnicka Family
Deceased members of the Frank Family

Game Night

by Mike Crain

On Saturday, November 15, about 80 Good Shepherd parishioners and their friends gathered for Family Game Night. This was one of two such events here at the parish this year. The group consisted of people from 3 to 73. It was fun for all ages.

Beginning with dinner of chili and chicken soup, we gathered in Daniels Hall after the 4:30 Mass. After supper there was an opportunity to frost cookies for dessert. We had a short getting to know you game for those who wanted to play and then broke up into small groups to play various games that people had brought with them. From Hearts and Sheepshead, to chess and board-games, everyone was having a good time. There was even a conversation ball game that the teens enjoyed.

Even the snow and cold couldn't dampen the fun. At the end of the evening we had made some new friends and enjoyed old friends.

If you haven't been to Game Night before you might consider joining us for the next one coming up on February 14, 2015. It will have a Valentine and Mardi Gras theme and should be a lot of fun.



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January Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>28</p> <p>8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>9:45 AM & 12:15 PM Welcome Weekend</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Centering Prayer</p> <p>11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Readers Prep @ GS</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00 PM Mass of Mary, Mother of</p>
<p>4</p> <p>BIG Food Collection</p> <p>8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>9:30 & 12:00 Blood Pressures</p> <p>4:00 PM Lessons and Carols</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Centering Prayer</p> <p>9:00 AM Sleeping Bags and More</p> <p>11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Grief Support Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Doubter/Seekers</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>8:30 AM Generations of Faith</p> <p>7:00 PM Gay & Straight in Christ</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Centering Prayer</p> <p>9:00 AM Sleeping Bags and More</p> <p>11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Commissions Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Book Discussion</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>9:30 & 12:00 Library Book Share</p> <p>9:45 AM In the Spotlight</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Centering Prayer</p> <p>9:00 AM Sleeping Bags and More</p> <p>11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group</p> <p>6:00 PM 21! Youth Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Grief Support Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>St. Ben's Drop Off</p> <p>Teams 3, 4 & 1</p> <p>9:00 AM Film and</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>9:45 AM Growing Faith</p> <p>9:45 AM In the Spotlight</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Centering Prayer</p> <p>9:00 AM Sleeping Bags and More</p> <p>11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 AM - Liturgy</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Reader Prep @ GS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Book Discussion</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Group</p>

Shepherd Parish Calendar

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Anticipation - God	1 Offices Closed	2 8:30 AM Liturgy	3 BIG Food Collection 3:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Liturgy 5:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
Practice s, Thinkers,	8 10:30 AM Communion Service at MFHCC 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Ellacuria Sister Parish Committee Meeting	9 8:30 AM Liturgy	10 3:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Liturgy 5:40 PM Generations of Faith
Discussion Practice	15 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 8:30 AM Liturgy	17 3:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Liturgy 5:30 PM Library Book Share
- until 3:30 PM Discussion Practice	22 10:30 AM Communion Service at MFHCC 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23 8:30 AM Liturgy	24 8:00 AM Reader's Prep @ St. James 3:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Liturgy
Discussion Practice Group	29 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30 8:30 AM Liturgy	31 3:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Liturgy 12:00 PM 10th Grade Retreat

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

December 1st, 2014

Monthly Reports:

Budget - Mark reported that pledge card returns were approaching 50%; use of direct debit increased somewhat; Eschweiler Fund has received a gift from the estate of Jim and Sharon O'Brien.

Commission/Committee Reports

- Christian Formation - Planning to have an evening Mass during Lent at St. James; discussing possibility of apprenticeships for young members for participation as readers, acolytes, ushers, etc.
- Prayer and Worship - Signup for gift bearers is in the lobby; slip for the given Sunday is in the sacristy; gift bearers should come early and report to ushers. Parish Council will cover Jan. 18 hospitality;

Tom and Carol Deming were nominated and have agreed to accept the Shepherd Staff Award. Randy will arrange the details.

Pat asked that each council member report on committee/commission assignments beginning with the next meeting.

"Who Are We and Where Are We Going"

Concern about parishioners awareness of the principles/emphasis upon which Good Shepherd was founded; might need a renewal/recommitment to those principles. Sandy stressed the importance of also focusing on the future. Council meetings are open and there is a need to mention major issues to be discussed so that interested parishioners could attend.



Include items in bulletin or mention in the before Mass announcements. The agenda could be included in the bulletin if it is ready in time.

Parish Director Report

Facebook Traffic has increased, especially after video of packing food at the House of Peace was posted.

Synod follow-up - District 4 meeting on Feb. 25, 6:30 -9:00 p.m

Holy Hour for Life - Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd. Orientation is for ALL life; emphasis on consistent ethic of life; come and encourage others to attend;.



Enhance Your Soul with Musings

by Maggie Brooks

Stanislaw Jerzy Lec said, "No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible."

How hard is it for us to take responsibility for our actions?

What do you think?

Meet The Holy Family

By Meriel Christensen

Meet the Family



I have been promised many family stories, but none have come forth. So it seemed a good time to write about the Holy Family.

On Christmas day we celebrated the birth of Jesus the Word of God as a human being. He entered our world as part of a family. The Scriptures speak to three topics of contemporary interest: the responsibility adult children have to care for their aging parents, the responsibility parents have to provide for their young children, and the values and virtues that should enliven family life. One of the Ten Commandments, "Honor your father and your mother," is primarily addressed to adults with regard to their own parents. This is more of a problem today than it was for the people of Jesus' day, as people are living much longer now.

A Christian family, whether one person or several, needs to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, patient, forgiving, loving, peaceful, and grateful. (Excerpts from Daniel J. Harrington. S.J. *The America Magazine* 12/24/07)

The most important thing we can give each other is love – love that is complete and unconditional, love that endures in good times and bad times. Love that is uniquely family. The Holy Family's struggle as a family was filled with heartache, fear, misunderstanding, and doubt, but together they created a family of love and compassion, of nurture and acceptance. God also enables us to make our way through life in all its disappointments and complexities. Now that we have celebrated another Advent and Christmas may we take on again the hard work of being family to one

another. Let's create that safe place of unconditional love, welcome and acceptance. (Excerpts from Abbot Matthew Leavy, O.S.B. –*Connections* 12/07)

Now a message for us from *Exploring the Sunday Readings, December 2007, the Gospel of Mathew 24:37-44*

Joseph couldn't be expected to raise his child and tend his family in an environment of danger and hostility like the one Herod's reign created. A holy family must be nurtured and sustained in an atmosphere of love and security. If that meant becoming refugees in a foreign land, so be it. Today, millions of families around the world have been forced to make the same choice because of hostile governments, crumbling economies, and the lack of freedom to pursue their own beliefs and values. In this land of freedom and opportunity, we have the chance to welcome these families, or to share our goods and

support with them as they make their way to a better future. It would have been tragic if Joseph had taken his family all the way to Egypt, only to find the doors barred against him.

On the first Sunday after Christmas we celebrated what it meant to be a family, the "sacred place" where all of us are always welcome, accepted and forgiven. The memories we treasure, the values we learn in our families are the most important and lasting lessons we will ever learn. The Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus is a model for all of us as we struggle to make our own families "holy" places of peace and love.

After writing this and thinking of our own family stories there is just one thing we don't know about the Holy Family--- did they have any hobbies?



We need families
to feature in
"Meet the Family".

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By Laverne Schoonover

You Become What You Think!

FREE POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Take One!

- I communicate with love.
- Every moment is a profound opportunity.
- Consider how very fortunate you are.
- Give yourself the gift of being joyfully you.
- Complain less, breathe more.
- Be a part of life, not afraid of it.
- Make the choice to let go of negative thoughts.
- Let Be, Let Go, Let See, Let Flow.
- You are a walking, breathing wonder.
- You have a beautiful soul.
- Give thanks for another day of loving.

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By Mary Kult

Your Green Corner

Free Admission to Mitchell Park Domes and the Milwaukee County Winter Farmers' Markets

From November to April the mission of these markets is to help local food-lovers and local food producers to connect. To buy local is to support the surrounding economy, friends and environment as you are supported in return.

These markets are held at the Mitchell Park Domes. 524 S Layton Blvd. Free admission and free parking to the Domes is a perk. They are held most every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm November through April.

Every Thursday morning you can get a list of the individual food vendors for Saturday's market by going to www.mcwfm.org. Register for their weekly announcements and find out what vendors only make monthly or biweekly appearances.

Two of these vendors that might appeal to you are Dalla Terra Pasta providing hand-made pastas and Roots Chocolates show casing their award- winning goodies. The owner and creator of Roots creates her chocolates with fruits and vegetables she grows herself and with honey from her own personal beehives. Keep an eye out for chocolates infused with anything from beer to figs.

Some other types of vendors provide Apples/Cider, bakery, confections, dairy, cheese, eggs, fish, Lonesome Stone Milling Flour, elk, buffalo, honey, maple syrup, sorghum, Jams and Jellies, pork, beef, lamb, Oly's Oats, poultry, produce, soaps, coffee, and some specialty food producers. Some of these specialty food vendors are MIA Famiglia Restaurant, River Valley Kitchens, Savory Accents, Thymely Herbals and Wisconsin Soup Company.

With all of the free samples go hungry and then also enjoy all three Domes.



Welcoming New Members

- ~ Gladys Walter
- ~ Ken Petzold
- ~ Margaret Paralusz