



# MASS APPEAL

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

July-October, 2013



**Welcome** to the summer edition of Mass Appeal. We hope you are having a safe and fun summer, and that your relationship with God is at the center of your activities. After all, it isn't God who needs prayer. It's the person praying who needs prayer.



### BAPTISMS



Shelley Sieberg and daughter Miranda, baptized March 30.

Christina Marie, daughter of Mike and Lea Kruse, baptized March 30.

Kallen Michael, son of David and Amber Westphal, baptized April 7.

Kate Elizabeth, daughter of Tim and Jill Vavricek, baptized April 7.

Emmett Francis and Malcom Harvey, sons of Chad and Rachel Thomas, baptized May 12.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY 21<sup>st</sup>** Retirement Open House for Tim Kautza, 2:00PM – 4:00PM, Hall

#### AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> Catechists meeting and bowling at Bass Pro Shop in Altoona, 6:30PM

15<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

29<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive, 3:00PM to 7:00PM, Social Hall

#### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> C1 (Confirmation 9<sup>th</sup> grade) sessions begin, 6:00PM - 8:00PM, Social Hall,

7<sup>th</sup> Clothing Drive through September 19

8<sup>th</sup> RE Sunday sessions begin for PreK- 6, 11:00AM to 12:00PM, Ed Center

11<sup>th</sup> RE Wednesday sessions begin for PreK- 6, 6:00PM to 7:00PM, Ed Center

11<sup>th</sup> EDGE 7th - 8th sessions begin, 6:00PM to 7:30PM, Social Hall

11<sup>th</sup> Life Teen 9th -12th begins, 7:30PM to 9:30PM, Youth Area

22<sup>nd</sup> RE Open House, 11:00AM to 12:00PM

22<sup>nd</sup> Parish Picnic, St. Mary, 12:00PM to 3:00PM

25<sup>th</sup> RE open house, 6:00PM to 7:00PM

### Parish Picnic—Sunday September 22nd!

Make plans to attend our annual parish picnic! Join us at noon for a picnic lunch, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones! Stick around for social time and lots of fun events including music, card and board games for adults. There will be many fun-filled activities for young adults and the kids — races, water games, prizes and maybe we'll pick up where we left off on last year's competitive kick-ball game! So grab your lawn chairs and water bottles, bring a side dish or dessert and don't forget the family – **see you at the picnic!!**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

The message was delivered loud and clear! Stand Strong for God!! It was an amazing time with games, imagination, singing, crafts, and Chadder. A big thank you to all who helped make VBS such a memorable event.

## KID TALK

### **Question 1: How do you help build God's Kingdom on Earth?**

- By being kind & respectful - Grace, age 8
- By going to Church - Bridget, age 8
- Being nice to people and making friends - Bryce, age 7
- Love them and be a good example - Mya, age 3

### **Question 2: How can you welcome someone at school, church, or in your neighborhood that is feeling left out?**

- By saying hello – Grace, age 8
- By including them in group activities so they can meet more people & asking them to eat lunch with you at school – Lydia, age 11
- I would ask them if they wanted to come over and play or ride bikes - Bryce, age 7
- Play with them and be their friend - Mya, age 3



## PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING



**Ross Parker, grandson of Kay and Bill Ross**, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Des Moines on June 7th. He will be serving as Chaplain at St. Albert's School in Council Bluffs. Kay wanted to share the following: "Bill and I want to acknowledge and thank you for all the prayers and support you have given Ross these past years in seminary. The ordination was spectacular and his first Mass was very moving. Something we will never forget. Please continue to pray for him as he begins the next phase of his life."

**Kelli Wong, Ankeny High School Junior and daughter of Norm and Suzanne Wong**, placed 4th in the 100 Meter Hurdles at the Iowa High School Girls State Track meet in May. Way to go, Kelli!

**Marion and Mary Jane Nehring** celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 2nd! If you would like to honor them with a card their address is 701 5th St., Maxwell, IA 50161.

*This is the place for sharing news with everyone. If you or a family member have had an extra special accomplishment, please share it with us!*



After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

## SAINT LAWRENCE

**Patron Saint of Cooks & the Poor**

Feast day is August 10. He was a Roman deacon with responsibility for the material goods of the Church and distribution of alms to the poor. Lawrence knew he was to be arrested so he sought out the poor of Rome and gave them all the money he had, selling even the sacred vessels. When the Prefect heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have even more treasure. He sent for Lawrence and said, "I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your services. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures—the Emperor needs them."

Lawrence agreed that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part." He gathered many blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned and widowed persons, and put them in rows. When the Prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasures of the Church."

The angry Prefect had Lawrence's body placed on a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it. After the martyr had suffered pain for a long time (the legend concludes), he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

Have you seen the Prayer Board for our military in the vestibule of St. Mary? Please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee if you know of someone serving in the military who should be recognized.



## INTRODUCING



*Photo of Lisa, Cory, Daniel and Jessica taken on adoption day.*

Meet Lisa and Cory Schoening, and their two adopted children. Cory is an Account Manager with Nationwide Agribusiness Ins. and Lisa is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker. Lisa has been a member of our Parish since 2003, and Cory since 2006, after completing the RCIA process.

They are active members of our Parish. Both have counted Mass collections, and have been RCIA catechists. Lisa was a member of the Finance Council and played a significant role with the Faith to Finish campaign, a member of the Council for Catechesis, and an RCIA candidate sponsor twice. Cory is a lector and announcer, serves on the Pastoral Council, and is involved with the K of C.

After their marriage in 2007, Lisa and Cory were hoping to adopt. They even hosted a child from Russia for a week's stay, but eventually decided not to go that route.

Instead they became foster parents. Daniel and Jessica were placed with them in 2010. Their lives were completely turned upside down with the placement of the brother and sister in their home. Once they agreed to take the children, they had one hour's notice before they were literally dropped off at their door. They had to quickly get everything — clothing, a crib, bottles, diapers, food, etc.

## FEATURED RECIPE

### Strawberry Squares



1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts  
2 egg whites  
1 cup sugar  
1-10 oz. pkg frozen strawberries, thawed  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup Cool Whip

Preheat oven to 375. In a small bowl, mix the flour, butter, brown sugar and walnuts. Place mixture in a 9 X 13 pan and bake for 10 minutes, or until browned (stir once). Remove from oven and scoop out 1/4 to 1/2 cup and set aside for topping. Even out what's left in the pan.

Beat the egg whites, sugar, strawberries, lemon juice and salt with an electric mixer until it becomes very thick. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour over the bottom crust. Sprinkle reserved crust on top. Freeze overnight or 8 hours.

### Lisa and Cory (continued)

When it became clear the kids would not be going back to their biological mother, who had little interest in her children, Cory and Lisa knew they would adopt them and not risk having them go to another home, especially since they had become attached to Lisa and Cory. They were adopted in December, 2011 and will be baptized this summer. Lisa and Cory say that they continue to pray for guidance, patience, help and understanding as parents.



## CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



### RE NEWS

We are very excited to start the upcoming Religious Education year! For the first 10 minutes of every class we will all be together in the Education Center. We will be focusing on what the Church calls the cardinal virtues. Virtues are considered habits because they need to be formed. They can be lost if they are neglected. The four cardinal virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.

Don't miss the pie making workshop on August 3. In addition to pie masters and students, we need pie tasters! Homemade ice cream by the K of C's will top it all off!



**LOL**

A young girl was sitting on her grandpa's lap as he read her a bedtime Bible story. Occasionally, as he read she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, dear," he said, "God made me long ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me?" "Yes, he certainly did, sweetheart," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling both faces again, she said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

## NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



The next New Member Brunch will be held Sunday, November 10. All members are welcome to eat, meet and greet our newer members! Don't miss it!





Chad Buckley, Shelley & Miranda Sieberg

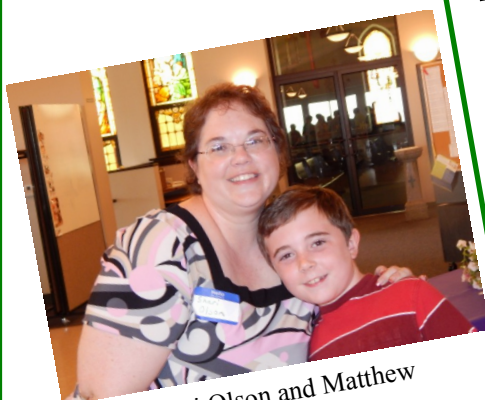


Linda and Don Murphy



Meri Parent and Ray Olejniczahn

# MEET SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



Sheri Olson and Matthew



Emma, Nick and Jill Swanson



Cheryl Norcross, Luke and Matt



Bill and Melissa Hollister



Mark, Leah and Sue Schmidt

## KNIGHTS KORNER

Congratulations to the new slate of officers for the Knights of Columbus as of July 1, 2013.

Brian Pottebaum - Grand Knight  
Cory Schoening - Deputy Grand Knight  
Bill Schmitt - Chancellor  
Chad Thomas - Recorder  
Dave Pottebaum - Treasurer  
Larry Sauer - Financial Secretary  
Mark Schmidt - Advocate  
Craig Hand - Warden  
Gregg Richwine - Inside Guard  
Mike Kruse - Outside Guard  
Jon Hand - Trustee  
Jerry McClain - Trustee  
Steve Campbell - Trustee

Thank you to all of the Knights for all that you have done for the Parish, and thank you in advance for all that you will continue to do to serve our Parish. I have enjoyed the ride so far, and look forward to more exciting events in the months and years to come.

Jon Hand  
Past Grand Knight

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS

### HOLY CROSS CHURCH



## MUSIC NOTES



Our children's choir will be singing this summer. Please contact Celeste to work out practice and singing schedules. If anyone has an idea of a good name for our group, we'd really be appreciative! ***A prize will be awarded for the best idea.*** C'mon all you wonderfully creative people, looking forward to hearing from you!

For more information or questions, or to submit your idea, please contact Celeste at [celestemu@msn.com](mailto:celestemu@msn.com) or 515-577-9394.