

August 31, 2008

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES

Holy days and weekday masses – check the bulletin
Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 3:30 p.m. and daily after morning Mass

BAPTISM

Expectant couples/parents of newly born children,
contact the office for information.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office at least 6
months before the wedding and prior to making
other arrangements.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process through which adults are fully
initiated into the Catholic faith. For more
information, please call the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday / 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners. Come by or call the
office to register. When moving out of the parish,
changing address, phone number or any other
information, please notify the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due in the parish office by e-mail or in writing by
11:00 a.m. on Monday.
ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 2

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church
Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building
Pre-baptism – 7:00 p.m. – office
School Commission – 7:00 p.m. - office

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 3

CRHP Renewal team – 6:30 p.m. – office

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 4

Fifth Gospel Presentation – 7:00 p.m. - church

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:

Pat Buckner, Jeanne Conway, Dave Denny, Clarence Fisse, Cory Hellmich, Paul Huber, Ruth McClintic, Aaron McCrary, Ralph Meer, Bob Melcher, Gish Ray, Don & Anna Marie Schwering, Thomas Shazer, Kortney Snyder, Danny Wagner, Dale Wilson, & Levi Wilson.

Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S.

especially for: Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Jonathan Gibson, Paul Hellmich, Adam Herbert, Kipper Hull, Edward Hurt, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Daniel Padgett, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Eric Saylor, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright, & Francis Young.

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.



WEBSITE

www.stmarysgreensburg.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

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Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

Due to the Parish Anniversary Celebration September 7 there will only be 1 Mass Sunday, September 7. It will be held at the Decatur County fairgrounds at 11:00 a.m.

Special Invitation to all Youth and Children of St. Mary's

We are planning a huge balloon release as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration and we would like you to be a part of this exciting event. Message cards are available in the back of church. Please write your message and place it in the special basket for the completed cards. These cards will be tied to the balloons sending messages to the community and surrounding areas—thanks for your participation in this memorable event.

Adoration Chapel - We need permanent adorer for:

Sunday/12:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & Wednesday/ 3:00 a.m., Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can take on a permanent basis or share with someone else on an alternate basis. Thanks for your help!

Special Religious Education – SPRED

SPRED is a religious education ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis specifically designed for persons with developmental disabilities including Autism, Down's syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy. Through SPRED, our friends get to know God and to grow in faith along with others in the community. SPRED welcomes persons with developmental disabilities who are six years old to adult.

We welcome adult parishioners (21 years or older) interested in becoming Helper Catechists to guide and encourage our friends on this enriching journey through bonds of friendship.

If you would like to volunteer, know someone who might benefit from this program, or just want more information, please call Mary Carolyn Wintz at 812-934-2114 or Mary Ann Meyer at 812-663-7316.

Men, mark your calendars now and join us for three of our national Catholic speakers, and over one thousand men, for the Third Annual Indiana Catholic Men's Conference, "Lion's Breathing Fire," on September 27th, at the Indiana Convention Center. For more information or to register, go to www.indianacatholicmen.com or call 317-924-3982 or 317-888-0813.

SAVE THE DATE!

CRHP Day of Renewal #2 – October 26, 2008

More details to come.

Parish Picnic Events September 13, 14

Are the Parish Picnic and Adult Gathering marked on your calendar? By now you should have received your invitation. Don't forget to bring the yellow ticket to the Picnic on Sunday. (It came with your invitation.) It's your chance to win a trip to the destination of your choice! (See flyer that accompanied your invitation for details.)

“A Spirit Filled Evening of Music” with Bobby Fisher
Sunday, October 5, 7:00 p.m., St. Mary’s Parish

Plan to spend an evening with us as we enjoy an evening of music and community. Many of the songs we sing in church are written by Bobby Fisher. Watch for more information—and save the date!

What is Stewardship

It is a lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility. It is the acknowledging of God as the Creator and Owner of all. Christian Stewards see themselves as the caretakers of all Gods’ gifts. Gratitude for these many gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering and action. Stewardship is a way of life. It is a way of thanking God for all our blessings by returning to God a portion of the many gifts (everything we have, for instance, our time, talent and treasure) that we have been given. It involves the intentional, planned and proportionate giving of all we have.

Finally, stewardship encourages everyone to participate in the task of building the Kingdom of God. When we explain that God has given each of us certain things, that these gifts are our responsibility to care for, and that we are accountable for what we do with these gifts, then there is no doubt that everyone should be involved. Stewardship rejects the notion that we must “have it all” and instead, demonstrates the value of giving in love, in service and in justice.

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, yours are the eyes through which he is to go about doing good, yours are the hands with which he is to bless people now...” (St. Teresa of Avila)

The Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

Towards Greece/LYDIA AND THE CHURCH OF PHILIPPI

In Troas, during a vision Paul heard a Macedonian imploring him: “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Immediately, he sailed towards Greece and stopped in Philippi, a commercial city and Roman colony populated by veterans and Latin peasants, where Hellenism had a great influence upon Judaism.

The house of Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, who asked to be baptized together with her whole household and used to invite missionaries over during their stay, became the center of a community. It quickly formed and became one of the communities most faithful to Paul, by offering him the affection and material supplies of its members (2 Cor. 11:8). Some years later, before his definitive departure from the region of the Aegean Sea, he desired to celebrate Easter with this particular community.

The local authorities soon accused Paul of proselytism. At that time, Christianity and Judaism were not yet so distinct, even if Judaism enjoyed a privileged status. For the very first time, Paul, together with Silas, was imprisoned. At midnight, while they were praying and singing hymns to God, an earthquake irrupted freeing all the prisoners; the jailer, seeing the doors open, was about to kill himself thinking that the prisoners had escaped (cf. Acts 16:25-27). Paul shouted out to him “We are all here” (Acts 16:28). The jailer asked to be baptized along with his family. Paul claimed that he was a Roman citizen and thus had to be released not secretly but “in triumph”, before going back to Lydia’s house.

Dear Community,

I would like to invite the men of the parish to attend “Lions Breathing Fire, Christ Our Hope, 3rd Annual Indiana Catholic Men’s Conference” at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN, on September 27, 2008. brochures explaining this conference are on the tables in the back of the church. If you made Christ Renews His Parish, this conference would be a good opportunity to rekindle the fire of Christ’s love for you.

Be sure to attend St. John’s Picnic at Enochsburg today, August 31. They have tasty chicken dinners.

I will be serving as the hospital chaplain the week of September 2-8.

The School Commission meets this Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6:00 p.m.

CRHP #9 will have a cookout at Roger Wenning’s pond on Wednesday, September 3. Leave the parish property at 5:40 if you don’t know how to get there.

Plan to attend Kristy Lowe’s presentation of the Fifth Gospel on Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building.

We will be celebrating our 150th anniversary as a parish at 4:30 on September 6 in our church and at 11:00 on Sunday at the fairgrounds. Msgr Schaedel will be the main celebrant at the fairgrounds Mass. There will be room for all. An ice cream party will follow the 11:00 Mass. A balloon release is also part of the celebration.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks us what it would profit us if we gained the whole world and forfeited our life. Things of this world are meaningless in heaven.

There once was a rich man who wanted to take his wealth with him when he died. He somehow got permission to bring one carry-on bag with him when he entered heaven. St. Peter saw him struggling with the bag. When he unzipped the bag, he discovered it contained bars of gold bullion. St. Peter couldn’t believe his eyes. “You brought pavement?” he asked the man.

Clearly, the rich man needed more religious education. He might have learned well from the church where one pastor put up a sign in front: FREE TRIP TO HEAVEN. DETAILS INSIDE.

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✠ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 1****7:15 a.m.** Heather Fisse**TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 2****7:15 a.m.** Steve Gordon**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 3****7:15 a.m.** Rita Fennema**8:30 a.m.** Joseph & Francis Kuntz**THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 4****7:15 a.m.** Lorraine Bickle**2:30 p.m.** Elenora Bartholomew

Odd Fellows Nursing Home

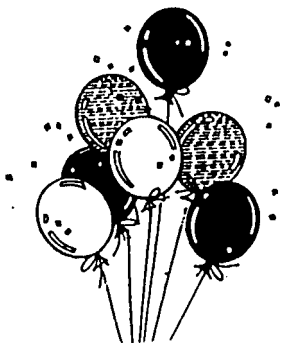
FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 5**7:15 a.m.** Martha Holman**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6/7****4:30 p.m.** Dave Koors**11:00 a.m.** Fairgrounds/Community/Bldg.
Don Firsich**☪ SERVERS****WEEKDAY/SEPT. 1-5 (Monday-Friday)****7:15 a.m.** Danielle Schroeder
Sydney Reynolds**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6/7****4:30 p.m.** Brent Bohman – Shine Duncan**11:00 a.m.** Fairgrounds/Community/Bldg.
To be announced**✠ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6/7****4:30 p.m.** Sara Stier – Jim Tebbe
Mike & Christy Bokelman

Kathy Whitmore – Betty Baker

11:00 a.m. Fairgrounds/Community/Bldg.
To be announced**☪ LECTORS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6/7****4:30 p.m.** Rosemary Schroeder**11:00 a.m.** Fairgrounds/Community

Bldg.

To be announced



Celebrating 150 Years

Teacher Highlight**Returning to the classroom:**

Grade 6 – Miss Marge Bruns

Mrs. Trish Witkemper

Grade 5 – Mrs. Eva Volz

Grade 4 – Mrs. Donna Stewart

Grade 3 – Mrs. Sue Myers

Grade 2 – Mrs. Angie Maloney

Grade 1 – Mrs. Jeanne Fry

Kindergarten – Mrs. Jenny Smith

Aide – Mrs. Laura Rather

Pre-school - Mrs. Carol Schwendenmann

Art – Mrs. Carol Blankman

Remedial Aide – Mrs. Kathy Denny

In a new location:

Grade 2 – Mrs. Kathy Murray

Grade 1 – Mrs. Jen Blankman

Pre-school Aide – Mrs. Janet Jones

New to the Classroom:

Grade 5 – Mrs. Laura Domingo

Kindergarten – Ms. Deb Greiwe

Music – Miss Ann Marie Colson

*And...Mrs. Nancy Buening was sent to the principal's office.

Did you know???

- There is a box in the back of church for your Campbell's Soup labels and Box tops for Education.
- We also earn money for the school with old cell phones and used ink cartridges. These can be turned in at the school office. (We cannot use ink toner containers or cell phone chargers. Sorry.)
- The school can also earn points when you shop at Marsh Supermarket. Just register your Marsh card with the St. Mary's code number, and the school benefits from your shopping. Forms are available in the back of church, or call the school for details.

"The Fifth Gospel" presented by Kristy Lowe**September 4, 7:00 p.m., Church** (change of location)

Last winter, Kristy made her first pilgrimage journey to Israel to tour what is often referred to as "The Fifth Gospel". As she traveled the country from which Jesus, our Savior, came, she learned about the places we so often hear about in the bible. What started off as a sight-seeing tour ended up becoming a journey of faith that was shared by so many, even back home. Through email, Kristy described what she saw on a daily basis, relating the biblical stories to the sites she visited and sharing the lessons we are all to take from those stories. Come see her pictures and share in this experience. Learn for yourself why touring the Holy Land is called "The Fifth Gospel".

Prayer Basket

Don't forget to put your prayer requests in the basket in the back of church. Prayer group will pray for each one at each meeting.

Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: I urge you, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. ~ Romans 12:1 (today's 2nd reading)

WEEKLY APOLOGETICS

Let's look at the mass and break it down for a few weeks.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer is used most appropriately to begin the communion rite. It reminds us that God is our Father and we are God's children who depend on him for everything.

As far back as 150AD Saint Justin wrote about "a holy kiss" given "after finishing the prayers of the faithful." Reaching out to another is not easy; we are forced to admit our interdependence. Jesus' first words after the resurrection were, "Peace be with you." We exchange the same words at the sign of peace as our final preparation for Communion.

The sign of peace has its roots in the admonition Jesus gave us in the Sermon on the Mount: "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled and then come and offer your gift." (Matt 5:23-24)

This prayerful gesture allows us to put aside artificial boundaries and paralyzing fears and so share a unity with one another and with God.

The purpose of breaking the bread is that through Communion we, though many in number, become one body because we eat the one bread of life, which is Christ.

The Lamb of God, a litany-type acclamation accompanies the breaking of bread. As the body of Jesus was broken on the cross to "Take away the sins of the world," so it is broken again to nourish us in our constant effort to rise above sinfulness and to grow in goodness.

Holy Communion is our most intimate union with Jesus Christ. In Communion we share in the life and work of Christ. This meal unites us with every other believer around the table. Each one of us, as we absorb the Body and Blood of Christ, is empowered to bring some share of his life to all we meet.

After the distribution of Communion and completion of the communion song, it is time to pause and in prayer savor our union with Jesus.

The prayer after Communion is not one of thanksgiving but of petition. The priest prays that the reception of Holy Communion will result in certain and definite spiritual benefits for those who have shared the Eucharist.

With the final blessing of the celebrant, the Mass is ended. Before we leave the church, the presider or deacon commissions the assembly with these words: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

The dismissal reminds us that the only way to serve the Lord is in peace and love. Our response, "Thanks be to God," does not mean we are anxious to be finished and on our way. The Mass is not just obligation but power and force for change individually and together. Thanks be to God!

If you find mass boring, it may be that you are coming because you "have to" or only to "get something" out of Mass. Try coming because you want to give something. Come to give Jesus your love and friendship. Come to give prayers for others, a smile to others, a helping hand to the elderly. Come to give God all the events of our past week and your hopes and plans for the next week. If you come to church to give, Mass will NEVER be boring!

~Excerpt from "Journey of Faith" a Liguori Publication

BIRTHDAYS

August 31st – Sept. 6th

Sun: Kaitlynn Scheidler

Mon:

Tues: William Fayette
Donny Poper

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri: Tony AmRhein

Sat:

HELP NEEDED

Any one willing to help set up chairs for our 150th celebration mass is welcome to come.

Meet in the livestock building Saturday, September 6th at 1:00pm. The more people that are there the faster it will go. You are young and fit and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Youth Council

We are going to be putting committees together this year. If you are interested in becoming more involved in youth ministry and having some say in what goes on let me know before our next meeting September 8th.

September Youth Mass will be on the 28th due to the Church Picnic being on the 2nd Sunday!!



**St. Mary's Parish
Celebrating 150 Years**

When? Sunday, September 7, 2008

Where? Decatur Co. Fairgrounds

Why? St. Mary Parish is celebrating

**150 years
of its founding as a faith community!**

So, clear your calendar and come

Celebrate 150 years of parish life at

St. Mary's Parish, Greensburg, IN.

Mass – Sunday, September 7, 2008 – 11:00 A.M.

*An Old-fashion Ice Cream Social
following the Sunday liturgy*

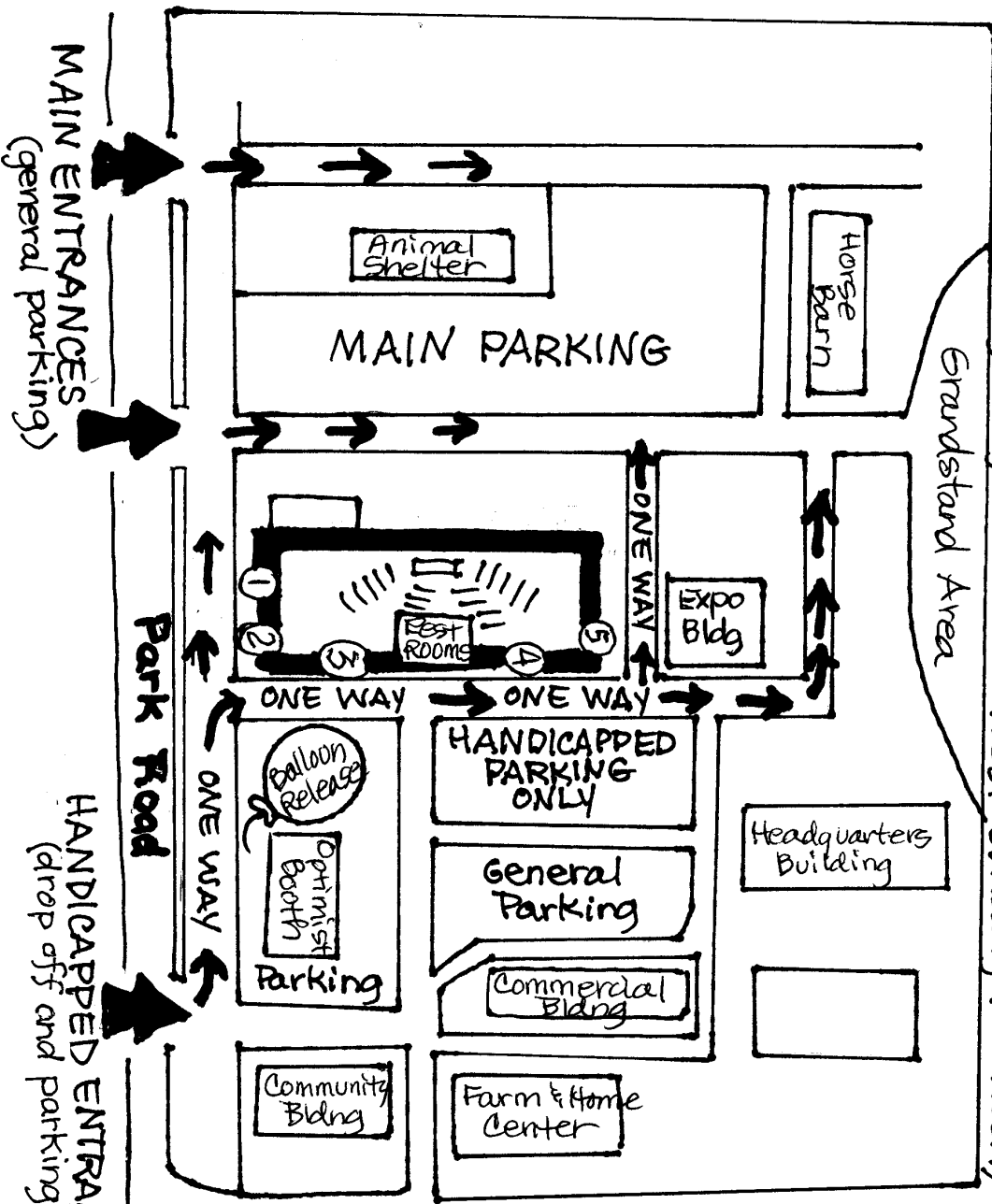
*A Balloon Release with messages
from our St. Mary's Children*

**Please plan to join in this historical celebration as
we thank God for the past 150 years and
ask for His guidance for the future
of St. Mary's Parish here in Greensburg, IN.**

St. Mary's Church 150th Anniversary

Sun. Sept. 7, 2008 @ 11:00 am
Decatur County Fairgrounds... newest building (livestock)

(NOT to scale!)

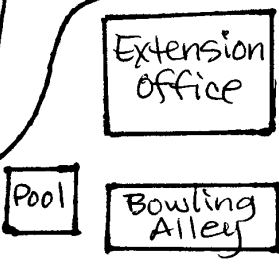


Handicapped Entrance →

- please observe one way direction around building
- drop off at any door (1-5)
- close parking available

Main Parking →

- by animal shelter on Park Rd
- anywhere else NOT designated handicapped



Handicapped Entrance
(drop off and parking)

Main Entrances
(general parking)

PARISH PICNIC NEWS SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

All parishioners should have received the special invitation for the parish picnic in the mail. Included in the invitation were tickets for the chance to win a free vacation donated by Charles & Donna Gillman and Gillman Home Center. **Only registered members of St. Mary's are eligible to win and you must purchase an adult meal at the picnic to enter for the free vacation.** Other terms and conditions are on the back of the flyer stapled to the ticket. **PLEASE HOLD ON TO THESE TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE AT A FREE VACATION. WE WILL NOT BE GIVING OUT TICKETS AT THE PICNIC.**

SATURDAY SEPT. 13 ADULT NIGHT

Come have some fun on Saturday night with games of chance, adult beverages (beer & wine), butterfly pork chops and hot wings. The evening starts with Happy Hour at 5:30-6:30 You'll be able to try your hand at Texas Holdem, Black Jack and other games of chance. There will be a DJ for your entertainment and the concession stand will be open with pop, nachos and various other goodies. Tell your friends and join us for a night of fun!!

VOLUNTEERS

If you didn't get a chance to sign to help you still can. If you're interested in helping in the adult games (Sat. or Sun.) contact Tom Horan at 663.5862, Kitchen help call Patti Stephens at 662.8199, Bake sale call Denise Butz at 663.9854, Desserts for meal call Janet Dougan at 663.6118, Set-up or Take-down call Matt Miller at 662.0586, Kids Games call Carol Reed at 663.4346, Raffle Items call Jerry Sebo at 663.4722. If you have items you need for the Raffle please drop them off at the parish office with your name on them.

SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS

We still have Super Raffle Tickets available. Here's your chance to win \$5000.00. Only 200 tickets sold, the cost is \$50.00 per ticket. We need to get all tickets sold for the picnic. If you're interested please contact Brian Wenning at 663.4757

Batesville Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Deanery meeting will take place Thursday, September 11, St. Maurice, Napoleon; Registration will begin at 10:30, Mass at 11:00, Lunch 12:00 (cost \$8.00); presenter at 1:00 (Francis Batta); Short business meeting to follow. RSVP by September 5 to Arlene Gehl/812-852-4394 or Teresa Horan/812-663-0876.

Catholic Catechism for Adults

A six week series led by Kathleen Mulso, OSF on the Catholic Catechism for Adults will concentrate on what we believe as Catholic Christians. Our readings and input will be based on the U.S. Bishops' Catechism of the Catholic Church. Participants will reflect on the Pillars of Faith: Creed, Sacraments, Commandments and Prayer. You may bring your own copy of the Catechism or borrow/purchase a copy at the first session. **6 Tuesdays: September 16 – October 21, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** \$50 for the series. At the Oldenburg Franciscan Center

Men's Night

On 2nd Mondays of the month, Carl Hawver, OFM will gather with men to discuss men's spirituality. What is a healthy man's spirituality? What is available to assist men in developing a deeper spirituality? Carl will bring guest speakers, use writings from various authors such as Richard Rohr, OFM and engage the group in sharing their experiences of seeing God in the everydayness of their lives. Bring a friend! **Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8.** Please call to let us know you are coming. 812-933-6437. Free-will offering. At the Oldenburg Franciscan Center

YOUTHFEST "WHYMPICS" WINNERS

Sat. Aug. 16, 2008

JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION (17 teams)

GOLD MEDAL (prize: Ipod Shuffle)

The Brazilians (Tye Fleetwood, Jacob Kelso, Andy Meadows, Bryce Bennett, Brad Wilson)

SILVER MEDAL (prize: deluxe green folding chair w/ cooler)

The Country of Bubbles (Allie Louder, Emma Wolter, Kalyne Asche, Caroline Pratt, Sheridan Roberts)

BRONZE MEDAL (prize: black/red backpack)

El Diablo (Chelsie Kuntz, Samantha Horan, Tyler Reiger, Mitch Reed, Derek Chambers)

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION (8 teams)

GOLD MEDAL(prize: Ipod Shuffle)

Czech Republic (Logan Ricke, Gina Ricke, Matt Bohman, Kirk Siegle, Ethan Rich)

SILVER MEDAL (prize:deluxe blue folding chair w/ cooler)

Bahama Mama's (Hannah Doerflinger, Laura Welage, Kristen Koors, Ellen Weigel, Jessica Horan)

BRONZE MEDAL (prize: black sport backpack)

Panic (Erica Thomas, Heather Snow, Beth Morrow, Megan Hunt, Ryan Rouse)

GRAND PRIZES (must be present to win!)

GOLD MEDAL...Stephanie Hoeing

(digital camera with memory card/case/digital picture frame)

SILVER MEDAL...Jessica Horan

(4 tickets to Rascal Flatts w/ Taylor Swift @ Riverbend Music Center, plus a \$50 gas card to get you there!)

BRONZE MEDAL...Zach Zobel

(PSP2 Bundle w/ Madden '09)

TEXAS HOLD"EM TOURNAMENT WINNERS

GOLD MEDAL...Eric Mitchell (sport MP3 player)

SILVER MEDAL...Joe Buening (deluxe red folding chair w/ cooler)

BRONZE MEDAL...Shane Ploeger (black sport backpack)

Other stats....Over 175 kids attended (grades 6-12)

App. 70 adults helped

Over 50 prizes were given during the evening

Help Wanted

Need an individual to work with a twelve year old boy with autism in the Greensburg area. This job offers an opportunity to work with specialist, and educators in the field of autism. All training is provided; the hours are 24 hours per week (3-days 8-4). We make every attempt to work around your hours, so you can continue your own life with your family, and or college. This child loves the outdoors, and we have him out in the community teaching him life skills. If you plan on working with special needs children, or in the school environment this job could be a great learning experience for your future. If you would like more information please call the number listed below.

812.593.0783 ask for Ginger

Catholic Mom's Group starting this fall. We are looking for a few kindhearted people who will be willing to provide childcare for our young children in the basement of the office building while we meet upstairs. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school year for approximately 2 hours after Mass. If you can help, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Nancy Fogg 663-5666 or Jill Wilmer 663-9824 if interested.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Many thanks go out to all who made Saturday night's St. Mary's Youthfest a success! The first ever Summer Whympic Games happened as planned...and the fun began! Believe it or not, despite changing the time of year, we still had nearly 180 kids attend! And what fun we ALL had!

Kids had the opportunity to choose between a variety of things to participate in. The Texas Hold'em Tournament again drew a large crowd, as did the Summer Whympic Team Challenge, in which teams competed against one another as they trained for...not the Olympics...but the Whympics! Each team competed in a Physical Cross Training, Capture the Gold (Mental Challenge) and the Training Table (or better known as the oh-so-tasty food challenge.) We also had several kids just hang out and play corn hole, visit the concession stand and play cards. This year high school students had the opportunity to venture into the Virtual Room and try their hand at a number of wii games. Many door prizes were given out, and bigger prizes won. Some of the winners are listed here today, and others will come at a later date!

To the Parent & College Student Volunteers: Thank you all for giving your time to help with this event for the kids of our parish. You've seen it run for a few years now, and you know that it takes all of us pulling our efforts together to make it happen. Thank you for being willing to give your time to help gather supplies, advertise, collect prizes, prepare the ever-so-scrumptious food (for the food challenge), serve the good food (concessions), run the events, keep score and entertain with music (I hope I didn't miss anyone)! I think we all feel the same to say it's worth it when we see the kids show up with anticipation in their eyes wondering what this year might bring. The smiles on their faces as they learn of the challenge set before them make us all grin. But the laughter begins as we see them work through the silly games, cheering their teammates on to victory! Thanks for your time...I hope you had fun as well.

To the Sponsors: Thank you to the following people and businesses for donating supplies and/or prizes to make the night more enticing and exciting. The kids have fun competing against one another, but knowing there is a "little something extra" if they win makes it that much more of a thrill. Thanks goes to: St. Mary's Picnic Committee, B&B Tooling, Noble Roman's, Charlie Kramer, Lowe's Pellets & Grain, Wickens Insurance, Springmeyer Insurance, Game Plan, Stone's Napa, Stone's Farm Service, Walter's Tire, Taff Furniture, Levenstien's Carpet, Doerflinger Insurance, Kramer Laser Kreations, Richards Insurance, Barker Insurance, Moeller Insurance, Mainsource Insurance, State Farm Insurance, American Family Insurance, Wal-Mart, Unique Beauty Salon, Main Attraction, ETC, Gary Hunger Trucking, Mary Kay by Deanna Fox, Alan & Kristy Lowe, Pat & Mona Hahn, Larry & Carol Bishop, Larry & Sandy Nieman, Monty & Kathy Shields, Steve & Mary Adams, Tim & Carol Blasdel, Mark & Jane Burkert, Brenda Dwenger

To the Kids: Once again, on behalf of all the parents working the youthfest, I want to thank you for your participation, as well as your cooperation. It is always so much fun to see the youth of St. Mary's come together for a night filled with fun and laughter. To the kids in the Whympics Games: you competed wearing smiles on your faces, eager to hear what challenge will come next. Despite having flour plastered to your face as you dug for a little-bitty skittle, you still continued to smile...as only a true Champion would do. Thanks for making the night fun. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.