

June 22, 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 – 4:00 p.m.

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**MONDAY – JUNE 23**

Prayer Group – 7:00 p.m. – Ed. Building

TUESDAY – JUNE 24

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church

Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building

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

Sheila Coffman, JoAnn Cronin, Sophia Fledderman, Clarence Fritz, Paul Huber, Melissa Johnson, Clifford Knueven, Paul Koors, Aaron McCrary, Ginny Meyerrose, Caitlin Miller, Gish Ray, Dolores Redelman, Ruby Rodenbeck, Harold Ripperger, Lawrence Schoettmer, Don & Anna Marie Schwering, Kortney Snyder, Crystal Stuehrenberg, Kayla Wyatt, & LeeAnn Welch.

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, Clifford Knueven, 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.

ddavis@stmarysgreensburg.com.

Early Bulletin Deadline for July 6/7 bulletin

All information in writing or by e-mail must be in the parish office no later than June 27 by 11:00 a.m. Thank you

Saint John the Baptist: The solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is observed on Tuesday, June 24. In many European Countries, bonfires are held to honor the saint. This is the Church's response to the pagan fire festivals that celebrated the summer solstice on midsummer night—the same time as this solemnity. The Christianization of such an event is significant. In the scriptures, Saint John the Baptist cries, "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Matthew 3:3). He calls us to ready ourselves to receive the great light that is Christ.

Immigration information Campaign

Perceived Myth: Catholic Bishops (Church) support illegal immigration

Known Fact: The Catholic Church and the Bishops do not condone unlawful entry or circumventions of our nation's Immigration laws. The bishops believe that reforms are necessary for our Immigration system to respond to the realities of separated families and labor demands that compel people to immigrate to the United States in an authorized and unauthorized fashion. (Source: I Was a Stranger, and You Welcome Me: Meeting Christ in New Neighbors Indiana Catholic Bishops)

For more information www.indianacc.org or Indiana Catholic Conference 317-236-1455.

Quote: Every Human being has the right to the freedom of movement within the confines of their country: and, when there are reasons for it, the right to emigrate and take up residence elsewhere. (Pacem in Terris: Pope John XXIII, 1963)

Adoration Chapel - We need permanent adorer for: Wednesday/2:00 a.m., Sunday/11:00 a.m., 12:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.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!

CYO Family Day at King's Island, Wednesday, July 30, 2008. This is great fun for the whole family with a savings of up to \$18.00 per ticket. Please contact the CYO Office at 317-632-9311 for ticket information.

American Red Cross CPR Training

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners in donating the funds to purchase three AED's (Automated Electronic Defibrillator), we are happy to announce that we will be offering a **CPR Certification class**, which includes training with the AED's. The training will be conducted by licensed American Red Cross trainers Marilyn Hoeing, Barb Schasney and Bruce Copple. It will take place on **Saturday, June 28th from 8am-12 noon** in the **school cafeteria**. Anyone in the parish is invited to sign up for the class, however class size is limited. Please sign up early by calling Diana Davis in the parish office (663-8427). The cost for the class is \$18, which covers the cost of the certification card and book. Checks can be made payable to Decatur County Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to Jerry & Kathleen Hoeing. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.

BIBLE SCHOOL News – GOING GREEN

Going Green

“Going green” is a phrase used to describe people who understand the sacramentality of God’s creation and that preserving this creation means living out a commitment to responsible consumption. “Going green” can be integrated into our daily lives in large ways and small. The range of things one can do is limited only by our imaginations! And most any activity can in some way incorporate children. Here are some initial ideas and resources that will hopefully inspire you:

Grounds: Plant a garden and donate the produce to a food bank, plus some for your self. Create habitats for birds and wildlife. Eliminate the use of toxic chemicals and pesticides.

Energy Use: Audit your energy use. Install weather-stripping, energy-efficient lighting, and insulation.

Bike, walk, or carpool

Regarding rainforests – addressing poverty and over-consumption

Rainforests have been described as Earth’s lungs, absorbing carbon dioxide (the most prevalent greenhouse gas warming the climate) and exhaling oxygen. They are also home to the world’s greatest concentration of biological diversity. What can we do to protect rainforests? Probably the number one threat to rainforests is habitat destruction. Habitat destruction is driven by both poverty and over-consumption.

Catholic social teaching points out that addressing the problem of poverty also engages ecological concerns like habitat destruction. It is crucial that all of us, including our children, understand the bishops’ assertion that caring for people is directly connected to caring for the rest of the natural world.

Finally, we are born with an innate connection to the rest of God’s creation. Our culture tends to gradually erode the very awareness of that connection. But children maintain a sense of wonder, awe, and delight in their relationship with the rest of the natural world. So remember to learn from them. And remember that their well-being, their future home, is what we seek now to learn to love and protect.

Resources:

For a wealth of information and connection to excellent people and organizations, see below:

- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishop’s Web site contains all of the bishops’ statements on ecology and human dignity: www.usccb.org.
- The Eco-Justice Program office of the National Council of Churches provides opportunities for member denominations to work together to protect and restore God’s creation. Their web site is full of resources and ideas:
- www.ncccojustice.org.
- Earth Ministry’s mission is “To inspire and mobilize the Christian Community to play a leadership role in building a just and sustainable future.” www.earthministry.org.
- Eco-Justice Ministries: www.eco-justice.org
- The National Religious Partnership for the Environment:
- Web of Creation: www.webofcreation.org

Dear Community,

The monthly pastoral council meeting will be Tuesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m.

The Mexican Fiesta will be Friday, June 27 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Congratulation to Dr. Alunday who will ordained a permanent deacon this Saturday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral for this occasion. There will be a reception for our new deacon after the 11:00 mass on Sunday, June 29.

Holy Name parish in Beech Grove will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on June 29th. We are getting ready for our 150th. New Alsace will celebrate the 175th anniversary this fall.

Nothing can be more difficult than entering the room where someone you love is dying. They have already faced the bad news. The doctor told them they were terminally ill. Life is now measured in days left, not years. When life support systems are withdrawn, when hospice begins, when the awful reality stands like an elephant in the room, what can we say?

We may try to make pleasant conversation when we want to cry. Clichés like “Hope you feel better soon” are no longer an option. We might avoid saying anything about death or goodbye, when death is screaming in our face.

A wise old priest suggested; “Tell them they are in God’s hands and how much God loves them.”

Today’s Gospel about the sparrows reassures us that not one of them falls to the ground without the Father’s knowledge. How much more are we in God’s love, when even the hairs on our head are counted?

ARE YA HAVIN’ A BAD DAY???? Things gotcha down? Well, then, consider this. In a hospital’s Intensive care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 a.m., all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

Still Having a Bad Day???? The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – JUNE 23

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY – JUNE 24

7:15 a.m. Suzanne Meyer

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 25

7:15 a.m. Don & Theresa Wenning

8:30 a.m. No Mass

THURSDAY – JUNE 26

7:15 a.m. Mary Sisson

2:30 p.m. John Hillman

(Morning Breeze Nursing Home Mass)

FRIDAY – JUNE 27

7:15 a.m. Joey Shields

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JUNE 28/29

4:30 p.m. Wanda Geis

7:00 a.m. Edna Zobel

9:00 a.m. For all people

11:00 a.m. Steve Gordon

👤 SERVERS

WEEKDAY/JUNE 23-27 (Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri.)

7:15 a.m. Ry Burkert – Tom Lawrence

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JUNE 28/29

4:30 p.m. Blake Simon – Bryant Himes

7:00 a.m. Tyler Luber – Blake Thomas

9:00 a.m. Haley Vanderbur

Megan Blankman

11:00 a.m. Mary Young – Lillie Wolter

👤 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JUNE 28/29

4:30 p.m. Rachel Redmon–Bert McQueen

Dorothy Redelman – Sandy Meyer

Emily Pank – Cindy Nelson-Schlarb

7:00 a.m. Gabriel & Lydia Abellada

Roger & Mary Ann Welage

Art & Ana Alunday

9:00 a.m. Bernard & Janet Hagerty

Donna Lecher – Jean Kramer

Pat Koors – Carol Kramer

11:00 a.m. – To be announced

📖 LECTORS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – JUNE 28/29

4:30 p.m. Theresa Schwering

7:00 a.m. Scott Johnson

9:00 a.m. Bob Blankman

11:00 a.m. To be announced

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis joyfully announces the Ordination of

Arthur Alunday

Patrick Bower

Wayne Davis

Robert Decker

Emilio Ferrer-Soto

Michael Gartner

Timothy Heller

Stephen Hodges

William Jones

Oscar Morales

David Reising

Michael Stratman

Thomas Ward

Kerry Blandford

Daniel Collier

Donald Dearman

Michael East

Lawrence French

Steven Gretencord

David Henn

Wesley Jones

Marc Kellams

Ronald Reimer

Ronald Stier

John Thompson

to the Order of Deacon through the Laying on of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B. Archbishop of Indianapolis.

As you have shared in our lives and discernment for the Permanent Diaconate

through your friendship, prayer, and loving support.

You are cordially invited to celebrate

in the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

on the ordination of

Arthur P. Alunday, MD

on Sunday, June 29, 2008

at eleven in the morning

at St. Mary's Church

302 E. McKee St., Greensburg, Indiana 47240

A reception will follow immediately after the Mass in the school gym.

YOUTH NEWS

Andi's e-mail: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." ~ Isaiah 43:1

Pool Party: July 2nd come to the city pool all incoming 7th graders thru outgoing seniors. The party starts at 7 p.m. and goes until 10 p.m. All you have to do is show up. There will be pizza and drinks to enjoy. Bring your friends, all are welcome!!!

Jr. High Cookout/Movie Night: Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 20th for a cookout and outdoor movie at Norb Kramer's Heavenly Hill. More details to come!

High School Cookout/Movie Night: Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 27th for a cookout and outdoor movie at Norb Kramer's Heavenly Hill. More details to come!

Juniors: I know some of you have started doing service hours for Confirmation next school year. You should have received a letter explaining it. For each project or service you do you **must** fill out a service voucher (blue paper). You can find them in the basement on the bulletin board above the flowered couch. Just follow the directions on the page. Return them to me. It is best to do these shortly after you have completed the service so that your feelings are fresh on your mind and heart.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH...SAVE THE DATE...SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH!!!

St. Mary's Youthfest is proud to bring you the 2008 Summer Whympics...where 'whymp's' RULE!!

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!

In the great tradition of the Greeks, we continue to hold games displaying our most courageous, and most heroic efforts at tasks challenging the intellect, the body, and the daring spirit within us all. However, unlike the Olympics, which cater to the strongest and the fastest among us, we proudly offer you the 2008 WHYMPICS...in which any old shmoe can participate. In fact, the more of a bumbler you are, the greater your valor. So come on out and show everyone just what kind of a 'whymp' you are! (Please mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for more information to come later this summer!)

Can Collection – We are still collecting aluminum cans – bring yours to Msgr.'s garage anytime! This money collected will go towards helping the youth attend church camp.

Amber Wenning, a licensed K-6 teacher would like to tutor during the summer. If interested please call 812-593-2927 or email at anwenning@hotmail.com.

Jennifer Shull, a graduate of Ball State University, is accepting students for tutoring for the summer. Jennifer has great hourly rates with fun and enjoyable activities to ensure every student learns! Call or e-mail for further information. 812-662-6907 missshull@yahoo.com.



The Lighthouse-A Bereavement Support Group. A free support group to help grieving individuals and family members cope with the death of loved ones. This group is an opportunity for people in grief to reconcile their losses and go on to find continued meaning in life and living. For more information call 663-1176, ext. 4 at the Decatur County Memorial Hospital. The groups meet every 3rd Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in conference room D at the hospital.

Healing Hidden Hurts is a ministry of healing for women wounded by abortion. This is a confidential, one-to-one, 10-step process that brings freedom and peace whether it's been 1 or 30 years. Find us online at healinghiddenhurts.org or call Debbie Miller at (317)297-7578 or (800)827-1617. All calls are confidential, there is no fee.

Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting, Thursday June 26, 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is our regular monthly meeting; chairpersons for the meeting are Peg Polanski and Helen Gardner. All members are invited to come and participate in activities.

Also, the Daughters of Isabella will not be having a booth at the Decatur County Fair, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The **Greensburg Knights of St. John**, 312 S. Wilder, Greensburg will have breakfast Sunday, June 29th from 7:30-11:00. The menu will include whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, pastries, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Free will offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat – Archdiocese of Indianapolis: Abortion has touched the lives of so many people. Has abortion changed your life? The next retreat is scheduled in Indianapolis July 25-27, 2008. To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, contact Sisiter Diane at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521 or Bernadette Roy at 317-831-2892. Don't be afraid to begin the healing process. All calls are completely confidential.

Business Manager – If you are interested in applying for the position of business manager/bookkeeper, please call Bill Obermeyer at 663-4498.

Religious Articles available from St. Mary's Parish

Rosaries – Blue beaded rosary in a case with "Mother's Prayer"
\$5.00 (5 available)

Cream "wood-look" beaded rosary in case with
"Father's Prayer" - \$5.00 (2 available)

Baby – Stuffed baby giraffe "Babies are God's gifts"
\$4.00 (3 available)

Graduation – Nice glass frame with verses from Jeremiah 29: 11-14
Etched around the border - \$8.00 (4 available)
Porcelain Bible & Stand "I am with you Always" - \$6.00
(4 available)

These are available at the parish office, Monday through Thursday, 9-4 (or call if you need to stop by at a different time). Correct change is needed or checks can be made out to St. Mary's Parish. These will be available through June, 2008.

Spotlight on our Catechist!

Hi, my name is Linda Weigel. In 2003, my husband, Dave & I were asked to consider becoming catechists. Our daughter, Maria was a sophomore in high school. Her instructor from her ninth grade class had decided not to continue teaching. After prayerful consideration, we accepted the role. We are glad to have ninth & tenth graders in our home to share our Catholic faith. We have learned more about our faith and have enjoyed the teenager's insight.

Dave & I have four children: Eric, 22, Maria, 20, Ann, 18, and Ellen, 15. We have enjoyed having our girls in our religious education classes. We continue to learn new information from other catechists and I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the National Catholic Education convention in Indianapolis this spring. It was inspiring to hear Catholic educators speak about our faith and even got to hear excellent musicians. If you have any desire to share your faith with our youth, please give it a try. You will be very glad you did!!!

Thank you, Linda Weigel

Msr. Harold Knueven and St. Mary's Parishioners
302 E. McKee Street
Greensburg, IN 47240

June 3, 2008

Dear Parishioners,

It is with mixed emotions that I am submitting my letter of resignation. I have enjoyed working here at St. Mary's for the past two years. On June 3, 2008, I was recommended to the Rush County School Board for the Principal's position at Mays Elementary. After much prayer and discernment, I have decided to accept the position with Rush County Schools.

Students, I want you all to know what great kids you are. Thank you for making me feel so welcomed at St. Mary's School. You are an excellent group of young people which made the decision to leave a difficult one. I wish you nothing but the very best. You have been blessed with a strong Catholic education. The future of St. Mary's is very bright with such strong future parish leaders. Good luck to all of you in the future.

It is my intent to finish out my contract here at St. Mary's which ends on June 30, 2008. If the school needs assistance during the month of July while they are finding a replacement, I would be happy to assist with things here at the school. I want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to work here. I wish nothing but the best for St. Mary's Parish and School. May God continue to bless you all.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Nancy Schroeder

PreK – 6 Elementary Principal

St. Mary's Catholic School, Greensburg, Indiana invites qualified applicants to apply for the position of principal and become a member of a partnership with family and church to provide a Christ centered education in the Catholic tradition.

St. Mary's is located within a traditional farming/industrial community with small town charm, located off I-74 between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. St. Mary's has enrollment of 185 students in grades PreK – 6.

Applicants must exhibit a strong Catholic identity and meet the criteria established by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The successful candidate will possess strong leadership and interpersonal skills with the ability to balance educational, managerial and spiritual responsibilities. The principal will assume responsibility for the administration of our school, providing leadership for our qualified and faith centered staff, managing finances, communicating with our parish and community and become a member of our Pastoral Team.

If you believe you are qualified to lead our school into the future and perpetuate our tradition of excellence in Catholic education, please submit your resume by June 19, 2008 to:

**Mr. Rob Rash
Office of Catholic Education
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
P.O. Box 1410
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
Tel: 317-236-1544
Or send resume to:
rrash@archindy.org**

Mexican Fiesta

Must be 21 or Better



Menu

Chips & Salsa
Taco/Salad Bar
Beef Burritos
Cheese Quesadillas
Chicken Enchiladas
Rice
Refried Beans

Dessert (Chocolate Fountain)

Lemonade & Tea
(Adult Beverages will also be Available)

June 27th 5:30-8:00pm St. Mary's Gym

Tickets \$12/person in advance | \$15/person at the door

Tickets available at the parish office 663-8427,
Julie & Brad Reed 663-7806, Carol & Tim Blasdel 663-2172,
Cindy & Frank Schmidt 663-8449, Janet & Jeff Dougan 663-6118

This is a fund-raiser for the church.

Celebrating 150 Years

St. Mary's Parish Picnic Sign-Ups

This year's Picnic is just around the corner (September 13th & 14th) and we will be celebrating the 150th **anniversary** of St. Mary. Along with our traditional Sunday Family Picnic, the Picnic Committee has decided to have Saturday night activities for the adults (**18 and over**). Food, games, entertainment, and adult beverages are planned for Saturday evening. ***Be sure to mark your calendar now and plan to attend both Saturday and Sunday events.***

Sign ups will be held in the school gym on June 14th, 15th, 21st, & 22nd after each mass. Committee heads will be making work shifts to ensure that everyone can still enjoy the day with their family. Whether old or new to our Parish, this is a great way to become involved with the Church and meet old and new friends. Please take the time to come over and sign up. This will help minimize phone calls later.

Below is a listing and brief description of areas that are in need of your help.

Food – Help will be needed to serve food, prepare food, clean tables, wash and clean kitchen area. **Men, please consider helping in this area.** There are many heavy items that have to be moved or carried.

Desserts for Meal – We need several desserts to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth. Remember – no cream pies

Bake Sale - Do you have a favorite pie, cake, jelly, jam, preserves, home grown vegetables that you are willing to donate? If so, great! We will put it on the Bake Sale and some lucky person can enjoy your specialty.

Tent Setup/Parking/Cleanup- Looking for people who are willing to set up tents on Friday, help set tables on Saturday, direct parking, tear down tents and clean up all areas on Sunday.

Adult Games - Need individuals willing to sell games of chance or help run games.

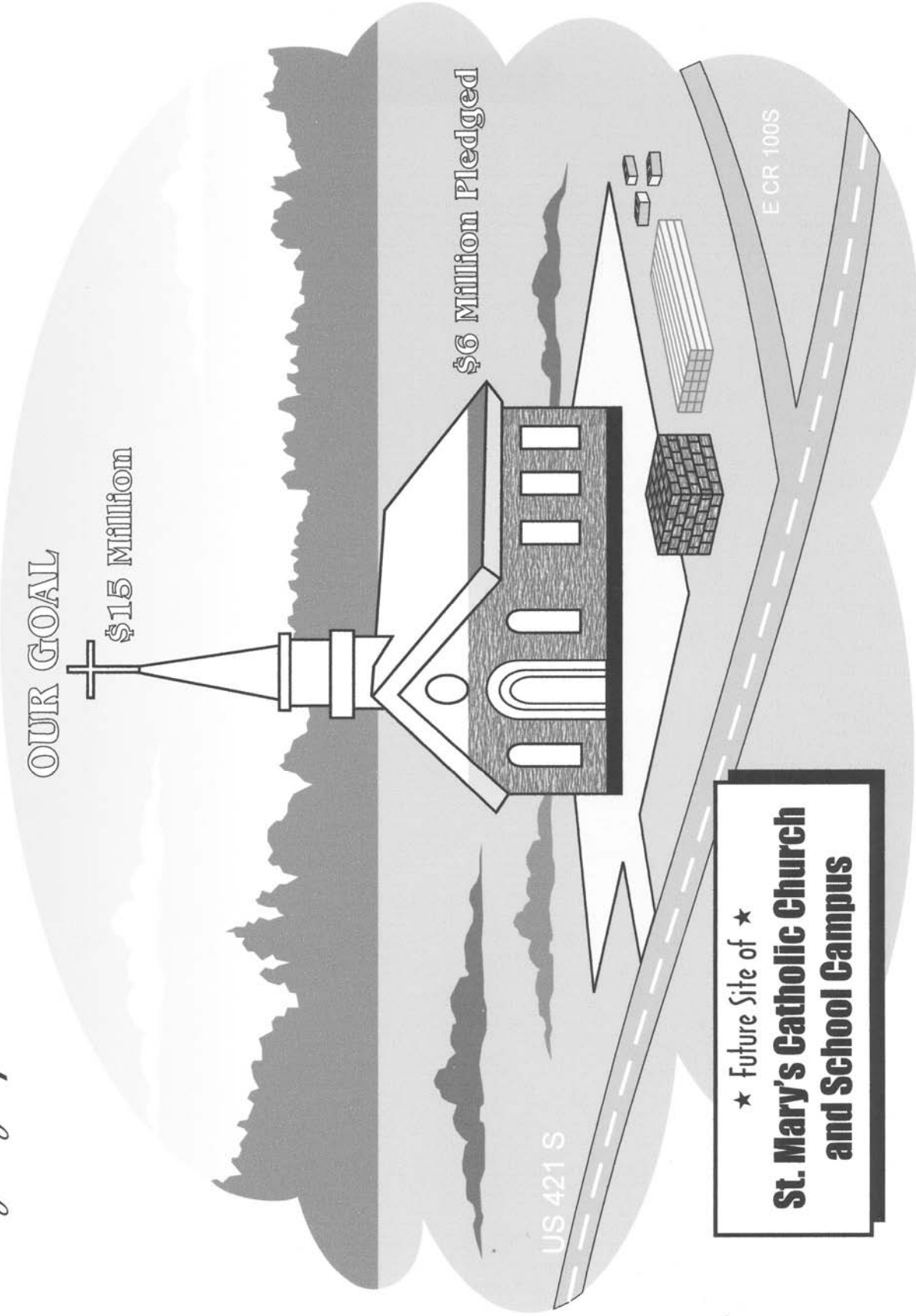
Kids Games – Need individuals to help sell tickets and monitor these games so the kids can enjoy.

Raffle - Need individuals to help committee head to collect prizes and sell raffle tickets the day of the picnic. Also, if you have something that you want to donate for the raffle, a list will be available to sign. **The majority of our raffle prizes come from our parishioners.**

Additionally, Super Raffle tickets will be available to purchase at both sign up weekends. One winner for \$5,000. Cost is \$50.00 per ticket. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

Thank you for your support and let's make this another great event for the Church.

Legacy of Our Mission



OUR GOAL

\$15 Million

\$6 Million Pledged

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