

A WORD FROM FATHER REINERSMAN.....

Dear St. Joe Parishioners,

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Tuition Assistance

The Parish Finance Committee recommended a statement summarizing parish tuition assistance be composed. With suggested revisions made by the Parish Council, the following statement is offered for the general information of the parish.

Saint Joseph Parish has made a significant commitment to help families provide a Catholic education for their children. We make this commitment because it is a primary mission of our parish to help parents with their responsibility to educate their children in the ways of faith. It is also a part of our mission to evangelize because, as multiple studies have shown, students who attend Catholic schools carry Catholic values and learning into their adult lives. The vitality of our parish and Church will be enriched now and in the future by our commitment to Catholic education today. We fulfill this commitment to Catholic education in several ways.

First, the parish provides a 30% subsidy of the total cost of operating our school. It is estimated that in the 2009-2010 school year this will amount to \$664,341. These funds come directly from the Sunday offertory. The remaining 70% cost of operating our school is supplied by tuition and fund raising.

Another help is our direct tuition assistance program. Every year the parish sets a budget for direct tuition assistance to families. This allows the parish to write off a portion of the tuition bill for qualifying families. We use Private School Aid Service (PSAS) as a third party to help us assess the level of need / ability to pay for families seeking tuition assistance. This financial aid analysis and verification process is anonymous, professional, objective and uniform. A family fills out an application, supplying essential financial information and sends it to PSAS, where it is compiled and analyzed. PSAS then sends the pastor a recommendation about the level of tuition assistance a family should expect to receive. He uses this information as a guide to determine whether or not the family's tuition will be reduced. This PSAS report is an efficient and fair management of our financial aid program, but is not a substitute for pastoral judgment. A family may discuss with the pastor the assistance given if the family believes it is insufficient.

Finally, our Adopt-A-Student program provides tuition assistance for families who, in the course of a school year, encounter unplanned hardships or special cases (e.g. loss of job, high medical expenses). When these situations become known, the pastor authorizes a transfer of funds from Adopt-A-Student to the family's tuition account. Donations to this fund are collected twice a year with special envelopes through the Sunday offertory and through individual or group donations. These funds are kept in reserve until needed.

Contributions to Adopt-A-Student are tax deductible when given to the parish for the general purpose of assisting families in financial difficulty pay tuition. They are not tax deductible when made in lieu of regular tuition payments for a specific family's tuition account.

Of course, anyone who wishes to pay tuition for a specific family can make a deposit at the school or parish to that family's tuition account and remain anonymous if they wish.

Fr. Gerry

From Fr. Josh Lange

They say that one's first priestly assignment is a pivotal one. They say it is a determining factor in shaping one's priestly identity for the rest of one's priesthood.

I, for one, hope that is true. Being at St. Joseph for my first priestly assignment is, I believe, very providential for me. And of course, it is my hope that it is likewise for you all.

But before I talk about that, let me tell you a bit about myself. As I said in my first Sunday homilies at St. Joe's last weekend, I am a native of Alexandria, where I went to St. Mary's Church and School. Then on to Bishop Brossart where I graduated in 1999. (One of my esteemed classmates during that time was the great Maestro Connie Lauer!) Then, I got out my visa and set sail across the Licking Ocean to Kenton County, and attended Thomas More College, where I received a Bachelor's Degree in History and an Associate's in Theology in 2003. After some deliberation and much prayer, I decided to heed the call to priesthood which was getting so intense I could no longer ignore it! I was accepted to Mundelein Seminary and graduated this May, before Ordination on May 30, 2009. The Lord is good!

As I said, I feel so blessed to have St. Joe's as my first assignment. One reason is that I have roots at St. Joe's. I have had family in the parish since 1950, when my Grandma and Grandpa Mike and Dorothy Pompilio moved to the parish, together with my infant mother Donna and my aunts and uncles, of whom Debbie Popovich and family still attend St. Joe's.

I always say that St. Joe's is a "Well oiled machine!" At St. Joe's, there is a place for everything, at time for everything, a person for everything. Behind that strong constitution are the backs and hearts of countless people – people who care about their faith, their church, their brothers and sisters in Christ, and their priests. Being enmeshed among such a tight, caring network of people is something I am so grateful for, and it is such a great foundation for a new priest.

Another thing that I count as a true blessing here at St. Joe's is that it is a very busy, active place. I'm learning a lot, and it is my hope that I will be able to stay here and let you teach me for a while.

Let me close by asking God's blessing on all of you. You're a great bunch. And if I inspire you half as much as you've already inspired me with your faith and devotion, I'll be in good shape!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

-Fr. Josh Lange

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR
ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL
Saturday, August 1st
&
Sunday, August 2nd**

Convent Update and more from Fr. Gerry

Convent Being Put To Great Use

Many parishioners have wondered how the convent is being used since the Sisters have moved. The convent has a meeting room for about 16, a community room, a dining room for about 12, a kitchen and 14 very small bedrooms. Eventually, we will give the convent a name to honor the Sisters of Notre Dame. Suggestions are welcome.

The windows were replaced (*thanks to the GROW Fund*) and main rooms were painted. There is still more to be done but when all the improvements are made we hope to have an open house for the parish.

So far the convent has been used for:

- *Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration*
- *Christ Renews His Parish weekends*
- *Christ Renews His Parish reunions*
- *Monday morning Familia group*
- *Board of Education meetings*
- *Worship Committee meetings*
- *RCIA meetings and open house*
- *Monday night bible study group*
- *Little Rock Bible study groups*
- *Cursillo Team meeting*
- *Young adult group meetings*

Of course in October the convent will be used for the Interfaith Hospitality Network for homeless families. We also want to remember the Sisters of Notre Dame in our use of the convent. So a very special decoration was put together by Marcy Kremer and Connie Verst. They framed and hung photos of some of the Sisters of Notre Dame who have served our parish. In the middle of the group of photos will be the following statement:

*With deep and abiding gratitude to the Sisters of Notre Dame of Covington, Kentucky
who faithfully served St. Joseph Parish from 1874-2008*

*The people of St. Joseph Parish promise to use this building, where the Sisters resided
from 1965-2008, in a way that honors their witness and labor among us and
shares in their mission to proclaim God's goodness and provident Care
under the protection of Mary, Our Blessed Mother.*



Words of Wisdom???

Church Marquee Battle

Our marquee on the front lawn was prominently represented in a Campbell County Recorder article about church marquees. That prompted a parishioner to send a funny email showing a debate played out between two neighboring churches.

We thought you might enjoy reading these real messages found on the marquee of the two churches in the sequence they were actually displayed.

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church

“All dogs go to heaven”

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

“Only humans go to heaven. Read the bible.”

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church

“God loves all his creations – dogs included”

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*“Dogs don’t have souls.
This is not open for debate”*

Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church

*“Catholic dogs go to heaven.
Presbyterian dogs can talk to their pastor.”*

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

“Converting to Catholicism does not magically grant your dog a soul.”

“So, what’s wrong with gray hair?”

One day last week servers Jon Geiman, Brandon Koch and Father Gerry were standing in the sacristy ready to begin morning Mass. They were talking about the fact that this year is the 50th anniversary of the BlueJay Classic. “Maybe they’ll have some of the original players come back for a game this year”, Fr. Gerry said. Jon told him, “They are all pretty old by now.” Brandon joined in, “Yeah, I bet they all have gray hair too.” The servers thought that was pretty funny. But Fr. Gerry asked, “What’s wrong with gray hair?”

At that point Ella Hill came rushing into the sacristy to say, “Father, your mic is on!” Apparently, all 60 people, also waiting for Mass to begin, heard the entire conversation.

Jon and Brandon thought that was hilarious.

Father started Mass by saying, **“So, tell me, what’s wrong with gray hair?”**

Our AMAZING Students

Listed below are members of St. Joseph Parish who achieved academic excellent during the 4th quarter.

Villa Madonna Academy

First Honors

Jenna Sharp Alex Luensman
Andrew Poos Emily Hurtt
John Meyer
Ben Smith

St. Xavier High School

First Honors

T.J. Hizer

Covington Catholic

First Honors

Michael Burns

Second Honors

Seth Grothaus
Jacob Litmer
Johnathan Mille

Bishop Brossart High School

FIRST HONORS

SENIORS

Anna Feldman	Lindsey Finn	Kyle Greely
Jacob Guidugli	Katie Guthier	Bobby Hagedorn
Sarah Kaufman	Joshua Kramer	Drew Kremer
Molly Leibel	Austin McDole	Kellie Murphy
Melissa Murray	Charles Powell	Bethany Schuler
Lindsay Sharp	Josh Smith	Lindsey Studer
Jennifer Tallarigo	Cassie Thornton	Ben Weyman
Alexandra Zilliox		

JUNIORS

Eric Enzweiler	Gabrielle Enzweiler	Jay Futscher
Brett Lockman	Ryan Morrison	Jacob Rieger
Erick Schwartz	Max Sulken	Mark Vater
Katie Walz		

SOPHOMORES

Will Atchley	Joshua Beckerich	David Braun
Kyle Dorriere	Aaron Mardis	Alicia Miller
Steven Neltner	Collin O'Bryan	Eric Ostendorf
Noelle Reinhart	David Schuler	Chad Verst

FRESHMEN

Danielle Bryan	Zachary Fardo	Katie Hagedorn
Ashley Hamberg	Meredith Harris	Abbie Kramer
Bryan Kraus	Madison McNabb	Brian Neltner
Craig Schutzman	Alex Weiglein	Molly Williams

SECOND HONORS

SENIORS

Justin Barth	Joey Copenbaker	Michael Leibel
Jesse MacDonald	Mitch Patterson	Abby Smiley
Joe Webb	Danielle Weckbach	

JUNIORS

Alex Crawford	Johnathon Cummins	Nick Hanneken
Ben Kroger	Amy Tiefermann	Craig Todd

SOPHOMORES

Maggi Donnermeyer	Alex Good	Zachary Grant
Sarah Hamm	Andrew Klear	Ben Luerson
Daniel Powell	Justin Reed	

FRESHMEN

Rachel Barnett	James Groeschen	Taylor Hardy
Megan Herbst	Leah Neises	

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Congratulations 2009 GRADUATES!!!

Covington Catholic

Michael Burns
Lawrence Hambrick
John Hayden
Chad Schadler

Holy Cross

Maria Koch

Welcome New Parishioners.....

Michael & Micki Overberg & Family
Lawrenceburg, KY

Patrick McGarr
Highland Heights

Brad & Christina Howard & Family
Cold Spring

Eric & Maria Lawrence & Family
Cold Spring

Daniel & Stephanie Hafer & Family
Cold Spring

Andy & Suzanne Kress
Taylor Mill

Christopher & Melissa Wulfeck & Family
Cold Spring

Lauren Hickey
Falmouth

OUR PARISH MISSION

The people of St. Joseph's Parish strive to be a dynamic, Catholic faith community, following the example of Jesus Christ through liturgical, communal and personal prayer. We value education, especially education in the faith. Through parish ministries and organizations, we serve others by offering our gifts of time, talents and treasures. We seek to fulfill this mission with the help of Christ, Who leads us to oneness with God.

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:

6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Holydays: regular morning mass times and & 7:00 p.m.



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