



NEWSLETTER



Spirit of Ste. Anne's
Bolander

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. REY

The month of October roared by and on 10/23/09, short of a mini hurricane, strong winds and rain howled all over the place. There was a marathon on the Island the next day and in spite of the worst weather, all ferries were full of visitors even up to 10pm. In spite, nothing dampened the Spirit of the 100's of visitors. In the month of October, we decided to pray the Holy Rosary shortly before our weekend masses. I shared with the congregation the miracles experienced by our family in the Philippines during the 2nd World War. Because we prayed the Holy Rosary every night, Yes, our family survived the Cruel War uncast but with only the shirt on our backs.

In Mackinac Island, the best of any person can come out. As a Pastor of Ste. Anne, I didn't hesitate to tell our visitors that their visit here is like a semi pilgrimage because of the wonderful history the church has. How did those French Missionaries in the mid 1600's pioneered this place? Obviously, only through their FAITH in the LORD. I FIRMLY BELIEVE OF THE Sacred space the island has become because of those French Jesuits. We will continue to open Ste. Anne to all people of all walks of life as she continued to do for over 300 years. God's fidelity is manifested for all who believe and are TAUGHT in His Love for all of us and His Creations. The Island continues with her beauty, wonder and open arms

SPIRITUAL MATTERS

OCTOBER-RESPECT LIFE MONTH AS DESIGNATED BY THE CONFERENCE OF US BISHOPS

St. Paul set the character of the Church's theology of life when, to the Church in Corinth, he articulated God's passion for the defenseless:

[T]he members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if

one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:22-26)

Starting November 8 until Spring, Mass will be celebrated in the church hall, as we did last winter. The initial financial reason (lower fuel bills) for having Mass in the hall resulted in an unforeseen spiritual benefit. Many parishioners felt it created a warmer more intimate feeling among the worshipers as the cold weather set in. (Christmas liturgies, however, will be held upstairs in the church proper.)

The Deacon's Column

Baptized? So What?

Just exactly what happened when we were baptized? Bishop Terry Steib of Memphis wrote: “We are about the ministry of re-discovering Catholicism once again – *not* as an obligation, *not* as a cult, *not* as a club, but as a *way of life*. We are trying to move from maintaining our Catholicism to proclaiming our Catholicism spiritually, educationally, and socially, and under these we are doing evangelization.”

Is this a realistic hope?

For how many years has the Church prayed to the Lord, “Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, regenerated, and *you will renew the face of the earth.*”

As the saying goes, “What rules our prayer rules our faith.” Do we really believe this? If we renew the Church, will we really save the world from the destructiveness and distortion that infects so much of human society? If we allow our hearts to be regenerated, can we really *renew the face of the earth*?

Fr. David M. Knight of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana invites us to “Come! Be immersed! And while we’re at it, let’s save the world!” as he introduces a Faith Formation Program – a Faith Formation Journey – called *Immersed in Christ*. Within this invitation, we find the answer to the “Title Questions of this article” – “*Baptized? So What?*”

When we were baptized, we were anointed with Holy Chrism – the Chrism of Salvation – the same Sacred Oil the Church uses when she ordains our Priests and Bishops. The prayer that follows this anointing during our baptisms explains: “*As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.*” This is what happened when we were baptized. We were accepted as members of the Body of Christ, we were anointed into his ministry of Priest, Prophet, and King, and we were given a share in his everlasting life.

I realize most of us were baptized as infants and that our Baptismal Promises were made by our parents and godparents on our behalf. But as we grew into our faith we *were* – and *continue* to be – nourished through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. And *we* made the decision to be confirmed in our faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

During the Formation Process of being *Immersed in Christ*, Fr. Knight explains in detail the five commitments of our Baptisms: *to be Christ, to be disciples, to be prophets, to be priests, and to be stewards of the kingship of Christ*. This is done through five steps that focus on these themes: 1) *Christian Spirituality Means Interaction with Jesus Christ*; 2) *Taking Discipleship Seriously*; 3) *Making Lifestyle Prophetic Witness*; 4) *Making Ministry a Way of Life*; and 5) *To Transform the World as Leaders and “Stewards of the Kinship of Christ.”*

Sounds like a massive undertaking, doesn’t it? I agree. But this Faith Formation Process does *not* impose the crushing burden of goals that have to be reached immediately. It is not a spirituality of achievement, but of “forward motion.” It focuses on *gradual* response. This makes it a spirituality that is realistic and practical for all those who choose to take this powerful step in their Faith Journey – *regardless* where they might be in their Faith Journey at the time they begin. Each of the Five Steps includes a simple, practical, “Starter Suggestion” that can be easily

incorporated within our daily activities.

So what do you think? Are you willing to take a chance? To spend a bit more time with the Lord? If you think you might be interested, Vicki and I are beginning the process on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. The process can be done individually or in a group. We will meet with any who might be interested at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, November 11th in our Parish Hall. If you're interested but can't make the meeting, feel free to call Vicki or me at 847-8193 Hope to see you then.

Taken from the "Overview Handbook" for
Immersed in Christ

Altar Servers

Thanks to Colton Fisher, Jeremy Hepker, Collin Armstrong, Will Barnwell and Adrienne Rilenge who are dependable Altar Servers at week-end Masses. We are always looking for more Altar Servers. If a boy or girl (ages 9 or older) are interested, please contact the church secretary at 847-3507.

Colton Fisher- a thirteen year old 8th grader at MIPS who enjoys soccer, golf, and horseback riding.



Collin Armstrong- a fifteen year old 9th grader at MIPS who enjoys hanging out with friends.



Jeremy Hepker-a twelve year old 7th grader at MIPS who likes reading and building things.
Especially, Army related structures.

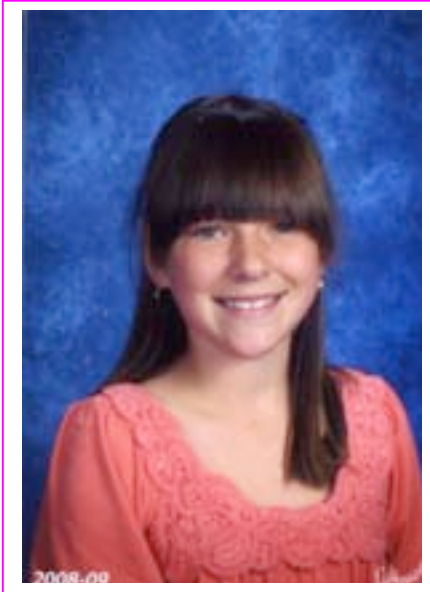


Will Barnwell-a thirteen year old 7th grader at St. Francis School in Petoskey. His interests are LaCross, football, basketball and politics.



Adrienne Rilenge-a fourteen year old 8th grader at MIPS. Her interests include skiing,

Horseback riding and volleyball.



Sacramental Matters

On Sunday, September 20th, Gabriel Hepker received his FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at the 11 a.m. Mass. Fr. Rey was the celebrant. Gabe is a very spiritual nine year old and a third grader at MIPS. Gabe is now studying to be an altar server. He enjoys reading, writing, drawing and building things.



Confirmation

On Sunday, October 11 at the 11a.m. Mass, Bishop Alexander Sample administered the sacrament of Confirmation to Will Barnwell I (see his picture and bio under the section on Altar Servers) and Rae Ann Schueller. Rae is 15 years old and attends Greenhouse School in Ann Arbor. Her main interest is Mackinac Island where she and her family spend the summer. Pastor Rey Garcia concelebrated the Mass. Altar Servers were Colton Fisher, Jeremy Hepker, and Gabriel Hepker. Music was provided by Kelly Rayment, Phil Porter and Katie Porter. A reception followed in the church hall.



FUNDRAISERS UPDATE

The Lasagna Dinner was held on Tuesday, September 22 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We had a very good turnout of Islanders and Visitors. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this a success. "Chef" Tim Leeper served 3 different Lasagnas, garlic bread and a fruit salad and desert was brownies and cake. We had many, many wonderful auction items and a 50/50 raffle. We made \$3,620.00 thanks to everyone who attended and donated.

The Summer Raffle drawing was held on Sunday, October 25 at 12:10pm. The first place winner of the two-night stay at the Windermere Hotel Package was Rob Frye from Roscommon, MI. The second prize of \$250.00 went to a gentleman from South Bend, IN and the third prize of \$100.00 went to a gentleman from Barrington, IL who asked that the money be given back to Ste. Anne's.

The Quilt Raffle drawing was held on Sunday, October 25 at 12:15pm. The winner is a lady from Warren, MI who was elated when she was contacted by our church secretary.

TEEN 'S CORNER

On Sunday, November 8, a few teens, Fr. Rey and Vicki Hermann went on a Hayride and joined our "Chef" Chief Marks, Nancy Marks and Barb Fisher for a cook-out at Great Turtle Park.

On Sunday, November 29, we are planning an outing in St. Ignace. We will be leaving on the 11:30am boat and meeting St. Ignatius Loyola Teens at the Bowling Alley for a few games of bowling and lunch. We will be returning on the last boat at 3:45pm. Please let Barb Fisher know if you are attending this event by November 25th.

Game Night

That's right, game night will start on Thursday, November 19 at 7pm. All are welcome to join us in a game of Mexican Dominoes. We laugh, show a little competition with each other, have a snack (sometimes homemade) and just have a great time, so join in the fun.

Have a great winter!