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Quarterly News from SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Parish



News from the Pews

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"A Year of Grace"

By Fr. Larry Lisowski



Our year of jubilee has been filled with many beautiful and sacred moments as we celebrate the 125th anniversary

of the faith and life of our parish community.

We have had the opportunity to reverently trace our rich parish history and tell the many stories that capture the way that our Catholic faith has been passed on from generation to generation, from family to family, and from person to person.

We have reverently recalled the lives of dedicated priests and parishioners who served St. Cyril's with great love and devotion. We remember how they sacrificed their time, talents and treasures to build up this Church community and respond to the needs before them. We are blessed and humbled by their good stewardship.

We marvel at the great faith of our ancestors who endured many tragedies and difficult transitions through the years. They bravely

survived fires and tornados and never stopped believing and trusting in God. We are inspired by their faith that gave them strength and perseverance.

These are sacred moments which have reminded us that "all of us" belong to God's family.

Throughout this past year we have had the opportunity to gather for prayer and fellowship. Moments like our Polish Heritage Day, Parish Block Party, Unity Mass, the Mass for the Consecration of the Grotto Altar, the 30th Anniversary of the Polish Club, and the 125th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, each in their own way, have helped us to appreciate our diversity, and at the same time deepen the relationships

we share as sisters and brothers in Christ. These are sacred moments which have reminded us that "all of us" belong to God's family.

As a parish, we have much to be proud of and much to celebrate. We remember that all that we have today has come from our good and gracious God.

Sometimes past performance does indicate what future results will be. I am confident that the God, who has graced our parish in the past, will continue to bless us in the future.

When you think about it, our story is really "His-story!" How blessed are we to be part of one of the many chapters! ■



Our Parish Mission Statement We are a family of faith, entrusted with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Rooted in a rich tradition of worship, service, and prayer we foster the unity and faith of this community. Enlivened by the Spirit, we share our gifts, talents, and resources to bring about the Kingdom of God.

A Look Back at a Year of Celebration

By Kurt Korte, Parish Council President



We are nearly through our jubilee 125th anniversary year and I wanted to take an opportunity to recap the summer

events and let you know what is planned for the end of the year. In July we held our annual block party, "A Taste of St. Cyril's," and it was another huge success. Nancy Bigelow chaired the event this year, and she organized a great night of music, food and fellowship. Over 700 St. Cyril parishioners attended along with 30 parishioners from our sharing parish, St. Adalbert's. Father Larry came through on the weather (once again) and it turned out to be a perfect night to eat, drink and listen to several musical performers. A big thanks to Nancy, her committee and her family for all of their hard work.

August brought a once in a lifetime event to our church. We celebrated our unity mass on August 16. Well over 1300 parishioners celebrated mass with Bishop Paprocki in a bilingual mass outdoors on the parish campus. Joan Johnson chaired the event and she received assistance from nearly every organization in the parish. The mass and the reception afterwards demonstrated the unity of our parish not only through the celebration of the mass, which featured the Polish and English choirs, but in the preparation and planning that went into the event itself. Volunteers from some of our parish's oldest organizations worked alongside teens to make the event memorable. Thank you to Joan, her committee, and all those organizations that participated in the event.

In September an event was held that really exemplifies what we, as a parish, celebrated this past year. The parish school reunion was held in the middle of September and over 250 parishioners attended the mass and reception. A big thanks to Anne Cannon and Shirley Tkachuk for all their work in planning the day. What was so great about this event was that parishioners that graduated from our parish school over 60 years ago celebrated mass with parishioners that graduated last year. They were able to enjoy a meal together and interact as one family.

At the end of October, we held our 125th Anniversary dinner-dance at the Willowbrook ballroom. Donna Nowobiliski and her committee planned a wonderful evening with great food, big band music, and fellowship that once again highlighted the unity and history of our parish. It was a wonderful evening where one could watch some of the more "experienced" parishioners demonstrate the proper way to dance to big band sounds. There was also an opportunity to watch a slide show of pictures taken during the many events that have occurred during this 125th jubilee year. Congratulations to Donna and her committee for a memorable evening.

There are a few events still planned for the end of the year.

The history committee will have at least two more church tours planned for November 22 and December 30 at 3:30. Keep an eye on the bulletin or website for details.

There is an organ recital planned for the week between Christmas and New Year's.

As this Jubilee year comes to a close, please keep the spirit of unity, pride, and involvement alive so that we may continue to build on our parish's legacy for future generations of SS. Cyril and Methodius parishioners. ■



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The next issue of **News from the Pews** comes out in early 2010. All Parish Ministries are encouraged to submit articles to share the happenings of parish life.



BEAT THE LOTTO

By JoAnn Sworan-Kowalewski

The “Beat the Lotto” Committee is delighted to launch our 20th Annual “Beat the Lotto” fundraiser, OUR ONLY PARISH FUNDRAISER.

Your past support of this fundraising event has had an important influence on many successful parish projects. We invite you to continue to join in this wonderful and exciting St. Cyril’s tradition.

As in the past, the cost of the ticket is \$100.00; all of us at SS. Cyril & Methodius parish understand the current economic challenges. Feel free to split the ticket amongst family and friends. If you are so blessed and can sell additional tickets to neighbors, co-workers, or others, please contact a member of our committee.

The Grand Prize is \$50,000.00 with 24 additional prizes, the raffle will be held on Friday, January 22 in conjunction with Late Night Catechism sponsored by our Mother’s club.

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\$50,000!**

Our Early Bird drawing will be held on December 4, with a total of \$5,000.00 awarded in prize money.

Our parish, SS. Cyril & Methodius, thrives because of the faith and work of people like you. Can we count on your continued support to make this important parish fundraiser as successful as ever?

For tickets please call: Nancy (630) 257-2860, Joan (630) 257-2939, JoAnn (312) 203-7355, Elizabeth (630) 313-9070, Henry (630) 257- 9812 or Mary (630) 257-0569.

You can direct how your Lotto contribution will be used by the parish to support its various Ministries by writing in your sharing organization: Altar & Rosary Society, Athletic Commission, Holy Name Society, Mother’s Club, Parish Council, Parish Operations, Polish Club, Religious Education, School Board, School Operations or Youth Ministry.

Thank you and good luck!

Your 2009-10 Lotto Committee ■

School Board Adds More Talent

By Mike Pender



The School Board is pleased to announce that we have three great additions to our board.

They are Anne

Cannon, Maureen Moran and Randy Zezulka. Each of these new members brings exciting ideas and a wealth of knowledge about

Catholic school education to our group. Each has a term of three years.

The School Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. They take place in the rectory basement, and anyone is able to observe. If you would like to address the board, you must notify the President, Chris Bigelow, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

At the end of this school term, we will be holding another round of elections. We will need to elect three new members for a 3 year term. You must be a parishioner and at least 21 years of age. If you are interested in helping your school in this manner, please contact any board member for details. ■

Fine Art's Role in Our 125th Anniversary

By Liz Brohan

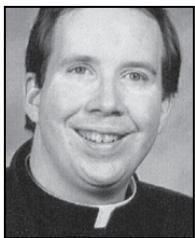


Sharing our gifts and talents has always been an important part of our parish community. And those talents were

never more apparent than during our year-long 125th Anniversary celebration. In fact, St. Cyril's is blessed with an abundance of accomplished artists who donated their time and applied their craft to making our celebration even more beautiful and memorable.

A Symbol of Unwavering Faith

For years we've all enjoyed the round SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish logo that Father Larry had commissioned by his friend



and fellow seminarian, Father Marty Marren of St. Emeric's in Country Club Hills. An artist interested in

liturgical art, Fr. Marren drew the figures of SS. Cyril and Methodius



from statues in the church. "It was important to me to include details from the statues that highlight the individuality of each saint, such as the cross, crown and scroll," said Fr. Marren.

From there, he completed the design by incorporating a font reminiscent of formal, flowing calligraphy.

"Because St. Cyril is credited with the invention of the alphabet in the Slavic world, my hope was to depict and honor that association with a font reminiscent of the actual handwriting of that period. It's the only way they wrote back then," said Fr. Marren.

When it came to evolving the logo for use during our 125th anniversary year, Fr. Marren was easily up to the task. "It was suggested I add a banner to the original logo to signify 125 years of unwavering faith," continued Fr. Marren. "It was also important to me to blend the historical significance of the event with the parish's hopes and aspirations for the future. This led me to incorporate type that is a combination of both the classical and art deco movements," Father Marren elaborated.

Father Marren went on to say that his work for SS. Cyril's 125th was made even more enjoyable by the fact that St. Emeric is celebrating an important anniversary as well. "We are celebrating our 40th and extend our congratulations to both parishes."

A Song for the Ages

What could be more joyful than a young talent giving voice to our 125th Anniversary? That was the thought that prompted Laurie Groselak to reach out to musician Steven Grand.



"I was honored to be asked to make such an important contribution," said Steven. Currently a student at

Belmont University in Nashville, Steven and his family have been attending St. Cyril's since he was 6 years old – roughly the same age he started studying music.

The song, *The Faith of Our Fathers*, was written to be sung as a hymn at any service. "The best hymns are often the ones that are easy to pick up and get stuck in your head," said Steven. "And I wanted this song to be something that people would enjoy hearing so much that they would want to sing along."

Steven admits that coming up with lyrics that people can understand and connect with is always the biggest challenge for a composer.

"I decided on three verses," continued Steven. "The first, to reflect on our parish history, the second to give thought to our present, and the third about our future." He also concentrated his efforts on ensuring the music had a timeless quality to it. "I wanted people to sing the song for years to come, but in a way that sounded fresh even after years of hearing it."

Steven's inspiration for the song came from his favorite hymns including *City of God* and *Faith of Our Fathers*. Steven will continue to write and perform his own music as he continues his college career, and hopes to someday make a living from his art. ■

Lyrics to *The Faith of Our Fathers*

by Steven Grand

Our Saints brought Your Word
down to the people in their own
tongue.

And showed them the love of
Your Spirit that heals us and
makes us one.

Then in a new land our fathers
gathered to worship You.

And gave us this parish that feeds
us, so filled with the light of Your
Truth.

By Your grace we stand
On the rock of Your Word and
Your Spirit
Heeding Your commands
For Christ and His Kingdom,
the faith of our fathers goes on

As sisters and brothers we come
together to answer Your call.

To shine as Your light in a dark
world, with justice and mercy for
all.

Thanks for our children. Teach
them to serve You and follow Your
voice.

Thanks for the Saints of Your
Kingdom with whom we will ever
rejoice.

Refrain

And as You lead us into tomorrow,
help us to stay.

Aligned with Your plan for
redemption of this world (and)
guide us we pray.

Give us Your eyes of compassion
and fill us with strength from
above.

Wash away all that divides us, and
make us united in love.

Refrain



Inspired Art Corner

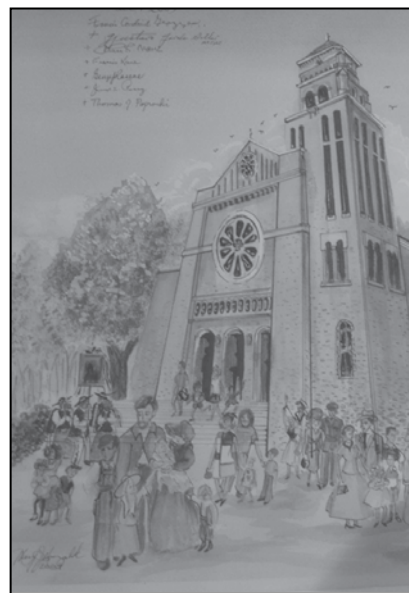
by Judith Mokolke

“The Spirit of Christians Past”

What a great celebration our 125th anniversary has been. Father Larry, with so many staff and parishioners, has made this year something to cherish and remember. Mary Marzalik, our art teacher at SS. Cyril and Methodius school for the past 13 years, has created a lovely watercolor painting to commemorate this important year in our parish history – she named the painting, “The Spirit of Christians Past.”

Mrs. Marzalik has been working on the idea for the painting for the past two years. She has done a lot of research on the figures in the painting – they represent different eras, as well as the Polish Highlander heritage in our parish history. Mrs. Marzalik made sure that the clothing depicted in each group of parishioners would be authentic - the 19th century farming family is dressed just as they would in an Illinois country town - she made sure that the Polish group had their beloved icon of Jasna Gora. There is a single parent family represented, and military families. These groups are transparent, to show that they represent spirits. Our beautiful church building is the focal point of the painting. It rises majestically, the spires reaching to the sky. A finishing touch is the signatures of Cardinal George and our bishops in the left corner of the painting. This is a tribute to our wonderful parish, and all who have been a part of its past.

Watercolor is usually executed with great freedom and spontaneity. A watercolor painting is meant to be done quickly according to the inspiration of the moment. Mistakes cannot easily be corrected, and too much overworking can ruin the look of the painting. Mary Marzalik is relatively new to this medium; she has only been painting in watercolor for about five years.



She admits it can be difficult, but she likes the challenge, and the results. She said that the biggest challenge was to get all the groups into the painting without overlapping. Her painting was finished with skill, thoughtfulness, and a love for the parish she gave tribute to.

You may sign up to purchase a limited-edition lithograph of the painting “The Spirit of Christians Past” by calling the rectory. ■

Teens, Tailgate Parties and Ministry



By Karen Dziekan

If you, or someone you know is between the ages of 13 and 17, then the Tri-Parish Youth Program is something worth checking out. The Youth Program meets every Sunday to celebrate 5:00 p.m. mass at St. Pat's Church. Teens are encouraged to make mass a priority, along with family and school. This allows today's teens a chance to step up and take part in the liturgy, their church and their beliefs, not just be bystanders. God is calling them to accomplish great things.

The Tri-Parish Youth Ministry is lead by Mike Lundberg who has over 18 years experience running a youth program. Mike has a Masters Degree in Education and a Bachelors degree in Adolescent Psychology. He promises safe and inviting surroundings for our parish teens. According to Mike, "Our teens have such potential, but they are up against such horrible messages and wrong information. "Many things in the media are immoral, violent or degrading." Mike hopes for the youth program to become a place to go to for a positive message about the right way to live.

Mike first became involved in Youth Ministry over eighteen years ago when Sacred Heart Parish was in

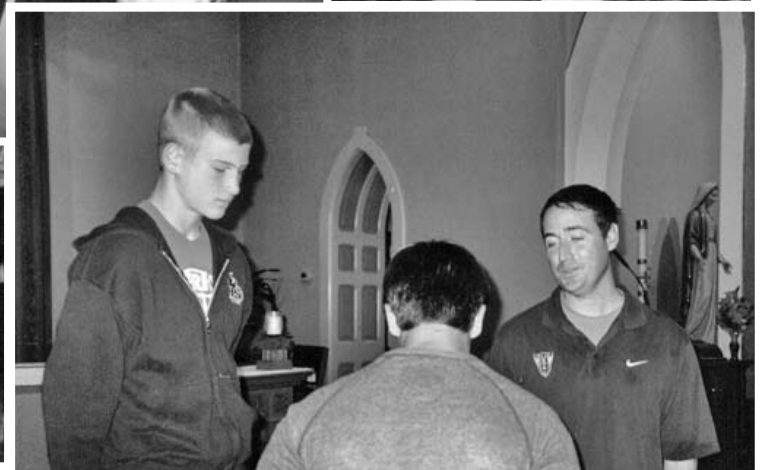
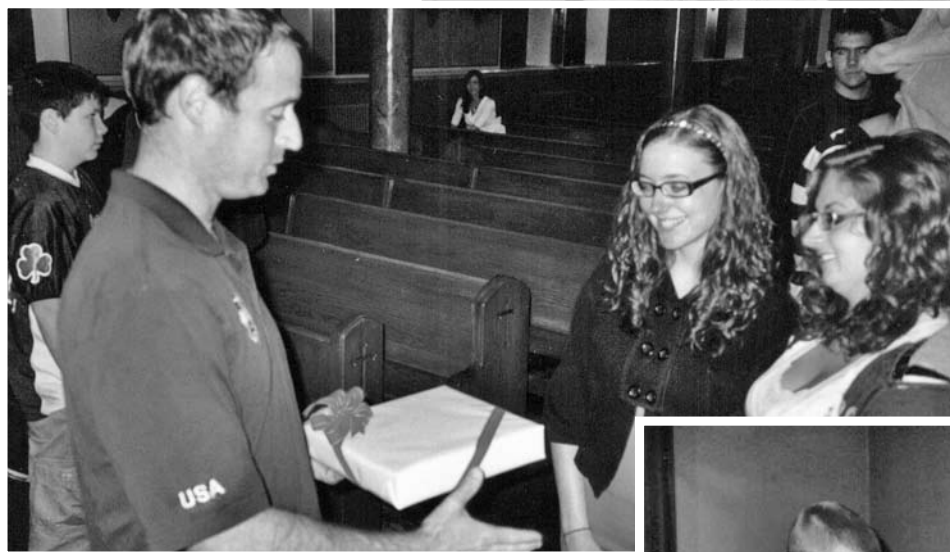
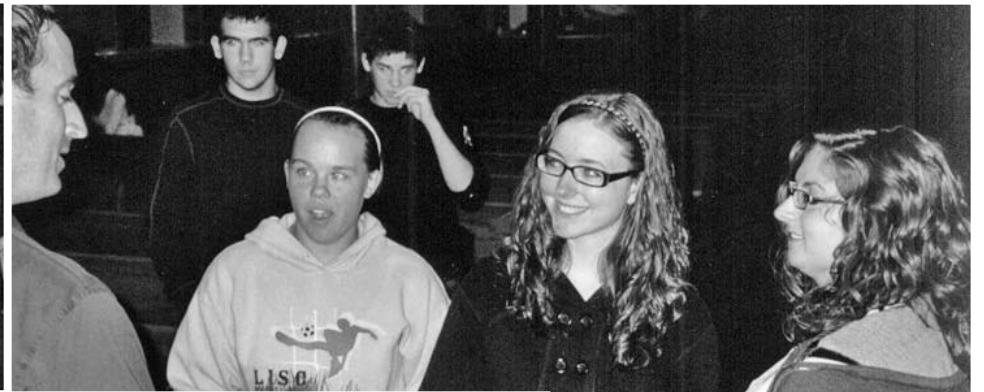
search for couples to come forward and help start a program for the youth in the parish. Mike and his wife, Wendy, were asked to take over the program after the other three couples discontinued their involvement with the teen program. When Mike is not working with teens, he is involved in the music ministry, Respect Life and Art & Entertainment groups at Sacred Heart. Mike and Wendy own a store in Palos Heights and when time allows, Mike likes to golf.

Besides celebrating mass together, the teen group also has fun and interactive meetings on a monthly basis. On October 11, guest speaker Coach Dunne, Marist's football coach, had an inspirational and energetic talk followed by a Tailgate Party which was jam-packed with good times. What a way to celebrate the win after Coach Dunne's pep talk! Mike chose a football theme not only because it is football season, but because he would like the youth group to work together much like a football team does. Not only is Mike there for the teens, but they themselves can become a support system for each other. He promises many unique and exciting meetings. It is his hope that teens from the three Lemont parishes have somewhere to go for a positive

message and a great sense of belonging in a community bonded by faith.

To find out more about the Tri-Parish Youth Program, please refer to the weekly bulletin, visit St. Cyril's website at www.stcyril.org, or contact Mike at lemontyouthm@sbcglobal.net. After attending the events, the teens will be added on the mailing list and will receive e-communications about future events as well as receive notifications in the mail. Join the fun at the next meeting, November 8 at St. Pat's Ministry Center. Don't miss out on the casting for the teen production of "Song of the Stable" this coming Christmas season. "Song of the Stable" is a wonderful musical which offers something for everyone. ■





SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

By Shirley Tkachuk, Parish School Principal



SS. Cyril and Methodius School is one of the most important ministries of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. It has a long and outstanding

history beginning back on August 31, 1884. The parents of those first students realized and shared a belief still held by our current school families: that providing their children with an excellent education just was not enough—they wanted to provide their children with the opportunity to receive an excellent Catholic Education.

As part of the 125th Anniversary, the school hosted an “All Alumni Reunion” on Sunday, September 27. The event began with a special 3:00 PM liturgy attended by more than 200 of our alumni. Father

Larry and Father Marcin were joined by Deacon Jim Wisniewski who is a member of the Class of 1960. Alumni participated in the different parts of the mass, including three generations of the Tasharski Family who brought up the gifts during the Offertory. Members of the Class of 2010 volunteered to help be greeters, and welcomed the alumni proudly wearing the current school uniform.

Following mass, everyone walked across the street to enjoy food, tour the school, take pictures, and reconnect with old friends. Many of the alumni in attendance brought in class pictures, or wore their

graduation ribbons. The old pictures and other mementoes which have been displayed in the trophy case were a special treat for everyone!

We are still looking for alumni to add to our growing data-base as we hope to begin a SS. Cyril and Methodius School Alumni Association. You may send your information (name, address, email, and year graduated) to SSCMALUMNI@stcyril.org.

A special thank you to Anne Cannon, Diane Walus, Randy and Jill Zezulka, the SS. Cyril and Methodius Athletic Association, and Fr. Larry for their help in making the day a tremendous success! ■



Mother's Club Plans Memorable Events

By Laura Klimczak,
Secretary of Mother's Club



This school year is well on its way and the Mother's Club is rolling along. We had our first meeting in September. At

that meeting, new board members were selected. The new board is poised to take on the challenges of their volunteer positions. Not long after school started, both the Parish Council and Mother's Club hosted a family movie night double feature. We started the night with

the Parish Anniversary movie and then finished with Bedtime Stories. I would like to give a special thank you to everyone who attended that fun event.

We will be hosting a “Gingerbread House” building activity for families on December 11th in Fr. Sivore Hall. Also, on January 22, 2010 we will be having the “Late Night Catechism 3—‘Til Death Do Us Part” theater experience coming to SS. Cyril and Methodius. Save this date to have a fun-filled night out. Sister will be offering up her hilarious lessons on the Sacrament

of Marriage and Last Rites, including her own wacky version of The Newlywed Game!

Again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has contributed their time to make SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish and School what it is today. Mother's Club meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month in Fr. Sivore Hall (school lunchroom) at 7:00 pm. Come join us to learn what's going on at the school and to contribute fresh ideas. Have a blessed holiday season. ■

Religious Education News

By Trish Nickleski,
Religious Education Director



Our first couple of weeks in the religious education program have been busy ones. The children and

staff have been getting to know one another and have begun to get into a routine each week.

Below are some pictures from the first couple of weeks of classes. You will see children making their prayer

cloths to be used at their prayer tables each week, and the sixth graders receiving their Bibles. Other activity included the children leading the rosary out at the Grotto. This year we have over 600 children in our program and 108 volunteers who help out each week. I am truly

grateful for the people who give of their time and talent each week helping the young people of our parish learn about their faith and develop a relationship with Jesus. I am truly blessed to have so many people willing to give of their time. The children of our parish are also blessed to have so many people who are willing to share their faith with them each week in class.

Please pray for my staff and the children in our program that they may always feel God's presence in their lives. ■



Catholics Come Home

By Julie Tejkowski



Catholics Come Home is an evangelization initiative with the purpose of welcoming fellow Catholics back to the

Catholic Church, welcoming them back home. Television commercials will air from December 16 to January 24 on many major networks advocating this campaign. We are all asked to reach out to Catholics that have drifted from the practice of our faith.

What can we do here at SS. Cyril & Methodius? A group of volunteers

will be present at a Welcoming Table before and after all masses to welcome visitors, to answer questions, and provide information about our Parish. The committee will follow up on a one-on-one basis to accompany fellow Catholics back to the Church. You are encouraged to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us at the Table of the Lord. Many returning Catholics who have been away from Church will come to a parish and quietly slip into a Mass to "check it out." It will be helpful for them to see a connection between the warm invitation they heard on the TV commercials and the church building they have just entered. We encourage all parishioners to extend

a friendly welcome to those we meet in Church.

More information will be available the first two weeks of Advent. In the meantime, you can visit the Archdiocese website for a sampling of the TV commercials and to obtain inspirational information about the Catholics Come Home initiative on an individual level. Visit www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org or www.goingforth.org. If you would like to volunteer at the Welcoming Table, please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number to be forwarded to Julie Tejkowski and Ann McClafferty. ■

“Why We Go To Mass As a Family?”

by Leona Dourlet-Glotzbach



First, during Sunday Mass I try to reflect, learn and pray, albeit sometimes unsuccessfully with small children with me. This very much helps me refocus on what is important. I also try to take a valuable nugget or two from

the readings, gospel or homily back to my everyday life for the upcoming week.

Next, as a parent I would like to be a good role model by attending Sunday Mass. I want our faith to be a lively and real part of their everyday lives. Also I think our weekly attendance at Mass as a family establishes a positive tradition of worshipping

beyond daily and mealtime prayers, particularly since we sometimes (unfortunately) miss these.

I think Sunday Mass attendance will provide my children with a strong Catholic foundation which will be with them throughout their lives so that during challenging times in their life, they are grounded and have a strong faith. ■



Blessing of the Animals

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Marcin gave the annual blessing to parishioners' pets on Saturday, October 3.



Where God and Nature Touch *By Lottie Koziel*



As a pilgrim, I was requested to write a short summary of our pilgrimage to Our Lady of Sorrows, sponsored by

SS. Cyril and Methodius which took place on October 10-11, 2009. Though at first I hesitated for a loss of words, I asked Jesus and His Mother for inspiration during Holy Mass. My intent and purpose is to share my experiences with others and perhaps others will also find time for silent reflection and prayer. We live in times when we are continuously running to attend to our daily demands, and leave little or no time to feed our heart and souls to rejuvenate Christ's joy and peace in our lives.

Visiting the Sorrowful Mother Shrine brings back many good memories of times past. It is a wonderful place for reflection and prayer and happens to be one of the oldest Midwest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Mother Mary. Truly, God reveals Himself to us through

the Bible and His gifts of creation. Visiting the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, it is evident that "God and nature touch." In 1850 Fr. Frances deSales Brunner, a missionary priest of the Most Precious Blood, built on this site a small red brick chapel in honor of the Sorrowful Mother. He did so because of his great devotion to Mary, who guided him and his priests from Germany to Switzerland safely to the United States. The Shrine soon became a popular place for prayer, missions and inspirational groups for parishes to congregate as Fr. Brunner ministered to the newly arrived German Catholic settlers in Northwest Ohio. The Shrine quickly became a place where people could come and "stand still and feel the presence of God." On August 15, 1912, the feast of the Assumption, the Shrine Chapel burned and with it, the original wood carved statue of the Sorrowful Mother that Fr. Brunner brought from Germany. Within two years, the present Shrine Chapel was rebuilt and a new image of the Sorrowful Mother was replaced. During the rebuilding, additional adornments were added

such as the beautiful stained glass windows, the ceiling was painted depicting the Seven Sorrows by Fr. Frost, CPPS, and a bell tower adorned the Chapel. The outdoor Pieta Chapel was newly constructed and dedicated in 1968. Since then, it has become a devotional and prominent landmark in Ohio.

Throughout the bus ride, Fr. Marcin led our group in prayer, song and blessings. Our group was honored to have three additional guests from Indiana join our pilgrimage – Sister Symforoza, Sister Nicola, and Sister Maksymiliana. The prayer and song lifted our spirits and attitude and the general feeling in the bus was one of happiness, joyfulness, energy as we entered the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. Upon arrival at the pilgrimage site, Fr. Marcin celebrated Holy Mass, during which pilgrims presented their petitions and asked for needed graces and blessings for their families, friends, and parish community. After dinner and a short break, the group contemplated the stations of the Holy Cross, led by

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Fr. Marcin on the beautiful grounds.

The Group joined in singing their hearts out, so much that Fr. Yuri (the director of the Shrine) commented that beautiful songs were heard across the fields to his room.

Sunday morning started with Fr. Yuri walking across the grounds, showing his favorite places of prayer and other grottos such as the replica of Lourdes, Grotto of the Sepulchre, Saint Faustina Divine Mercy Grotto, Our Lady of Czestochowa, the most beautifully glass adorned grotto of the Madonna of the Precious Blood and Saint Gasper del Bufolo, the founder of the most Precious Blood missionary, and other beautiful sites.

Shortly after, the group gathered at the main Shrine for celebration of the Mass of Thanksgiving for His

gift of creation and our pilgrimage. As a pilgrim, it reminded me that our ultimate destiny is not in this world and that we were created to be eternally united with God.

What a wonderful gift to discover that the Lord Jesus often makes his presence felt to the one who takes the time to open his heart to Him. He will speak silently to you and give you comfort, encouragement and peace that goes beyond comprehension. I am reminded that I will feel at home in this world only to the extent that I can see God's divine love in creation and other people. On this earth our life is a pilgrimage to our only true home which is eternity with God.

This pilgrimage, like many others that I have made in the past, help me tremendously to recapture very precious silent time with Christ as

I would frequently do in Poland in my youth. These moments of silence and reflection with God bring me great joy and peace and rekindle faith, trust, and hope even when our hearts feel empty and our minds are full of clutter and distractions. When we contemplate on the face of Christ, His life, passion, His mother, His resurrection, our life once again makes sense in a very callous and chaotic world.

Lastly, on a more humorous note, pilgrimages help you discover hidden talents in people, for example spirits Teresa Kadelak, and "Abraham" Walter Para, who were chosen by lottery to serenade Fr. Marcin in appreciation for his leadership in organizing this pilgrimage. Much to our surprise and amazement, several new notes and songs have since been created as a result of their appointed duet. ■

Parish Information

Worship Services

Saturdays	7:00 A.M.	5:30 P.M.		
Sundays	7:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	12:00 Noon	5:00 P.M. (St. Patrick's)
Masses in Polish	8:30 A.M.	1:30 P.M.		
Holy Days	As Announced			
Weekday Mornings	7:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.		
Tuesday Evenings	8:00 P.M. (Polish)			
First Fridays	7:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	7:00 P.M. (Polish)	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays	4:30 P.M.
First Friday	5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Phones

Rectory (630) 257-2776	Gym (630) 257-9844	Polish School (630) 669-9058
School (630) 257-6488	Rel. Ed (630) 257-9314	Counsel. Office (312) 655-7725
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Check out the SS. Cyril & Methodius website!



<http://stcyril.org/whatis.html> There is a lot of new material online. The various organizations in the parish and school are all contributing new material to the website.

The Parish bulletin is updated weekly, the school calendars and homework are online, and much more information is available to help our parishioners stay up to date on parish and school activities. You can also email articles for the News from the Pews at rectory@stcyril.org.