

THE GOOD NEWS

St. Francis Church

Lake of the Woods Plaza, Dunlap, IL

NOVEMBER , 2009

Monthly Newsletter

In an effort to establish better communication especially with our newest members, we are re-instituting a regular monthly newsletter. Each committee head is asked to submit an article each month to keep the rest of the parish up to date on all that is happening at St. Francis. The newsletter will go out the first week each month. Please submit your articles to Debbie, or email to the office no later than the last Monday of each month.

Weekday Masses

Wednesdays, 7:15 AM Morning Prayer,
7:30 AM, Holy Eucharist.
Thursdays: 5:15 PM, Evening Payer, 5:30
PM, Holy Eucharist.

Thursday Bible Study

We are studying the first five books of the Old Testament. All are welcome, even if you can't make it every week. We are currently in Genesis.

Nursery Helpers

We continue to need additional helpers for the nursery at 10:00 AM. Debbie Welch and a faithful-few others have been staffing it, but more help is needed. As young families join us it is essential we provide quality nursery care. Please call Debbie at the office to offer your help. Thanks.

Let's Get Ready To Rumble!!!

The Social Committee has planned a Hockey game for our November event. The date will be Saturday, Nov. 14. The tickets are \$13.00 for

upper level seating, and \$18.00 for lower level seating. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. Please pay Joe Harris for your tickets.

“Coats for the Q-C”

Dear friends in Christ,
Trinity Church Rock Island is hosting a program entitled "Coats for the Q-C". We are asking people to start a coat collection, at work, your home Parish, neighborhood, etc. for this program. If you feel called to do so, we will come and pick up your collection of new or gently used coats, mittens, hats, and blankets for those in need in the Quad-City area. Donations can also be made at Trinity Church Rock Island (1818 6th Ave.) Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The program is being run by Rev. Deacon Jason Bowden. Thank you all for any support you can give to this program.

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Mission & Outreach Happenings

For most of the year Mission & Outreach has focused on collecting canned food for the Rescue Ministries and will deliver the food in early November. A few months ago we began collecting minor medical items for a parish in the Dominican Republic; half of the basket is full! The little things mean so much to other.

We spent as much time as possible preparing for the House of Scary Saints, unfortunately we just couldn't make it happen and are disheartened to report that we cancelled for this

year. Keep an eye on the newsletter we are getting geared up for 2010!

Back in February Mission & Outreach agreed to raise \$400.00 for the MacBurney Medical Mission fund, thus; leaving the 3rd. Sunday plate offering to the general fund. We are happy to report that as of October 19th we have raised \$385.40 this is huge for us...thank you.

We collected enough money to buy gifts and help support the St. Nicholas party at Nashotah House, the children will be thrilled and something tells me that the parents will be equally as happy! What a blessing.

We have a few new items coming, check the newsletter for updates and new happenings.

Mission & Outreach Chairs,
Deacon Ron +
Julie Neilson

Youth Mass

We are also planning to have a monthly youth mass in conjunction with St. Andrew's Church, Peoria. Watch the announcements for dates. Young people are invited to bring a friend.

Care Craft Ministry

You are welcome to join us at our upcoming meetings on Nov. 15, and Dec. 6 right after mass. Please bring your lunch and your craft and we will craft away! Any questions please call Candice.

Christmas Cookie Walk

We will once again be having our annual cookie walk, December 13, right after 10:00 mass. Please bring three or four dozen of your favorite cookies. They will all be placed on the table, for you to choose your favorites. Boxes are provided for you to keep your selection in. The cookies will be \$5.00 per pound. This is a great way to get a variety of goodies without doing all of the baking. Please see Joanne Carter or Martha Brodkorb with any questions.

Bernardi's Lunch

Don't forget the first Sunday of each month, lunch at Bernardi's right after a quick coffee hour. Enjoy good food and fellowship!

LIFE ISN'T TIED WITH A BOW, BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT

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