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Thanh Thai Nguyen Pastor Christ the King Catholic Church

By Ron Lynch

The 5:00 p.m. Mass of January 26, 2002 was something special. Bishop Victor B. Galeone was there. He had come to officially install Father Thanh Thai Nguyen as the new pastor of our parish. This kind and worshipful man had begun the journey many years ago to Christ the King by stepping onto a boat in the China Sea to leave his native Viet Nam. Their loss was certainly our gain.

Wearing green vestments and his white miter, Bishop Galeone strode with his shepherd's crook of office between an honor guard of Knights of Columbus down the center aisle of the church. He was accompanied by the concelebrants of the Mass, Father Thanh Thai Nguyen, Father Neil Carr, Father Guy Noonan, Father Gerald Pincince and, from St. Maron, Father Ellie Shadid. Accompanying them were Deacon Dung Bui, Maronite Sub-Deacon (now Deacon) Eli Shami. They entered a church filled with happy parishioners that included many Vietnamese faithful who were there to celebrate the installation of one of their own as the pastor of one of the more notable parishes in the diocese. Sister Therese Horan was also in attendance for the first time in quite a while, her "fast" reputation enhanced by having been spotted earlier in the day at Hooters. Bernie Sans led the adult choir in the uplifting "Canticale of the Sun". Rocky DiGeorgio provided a virtuoso performance on the violin accompanied by a flautist and two guitarists. The hand bell choir was also there to add their unique sound to the proceedings. The setting was completed by the beautiful red flowers placed on the floor at either end of the altar.

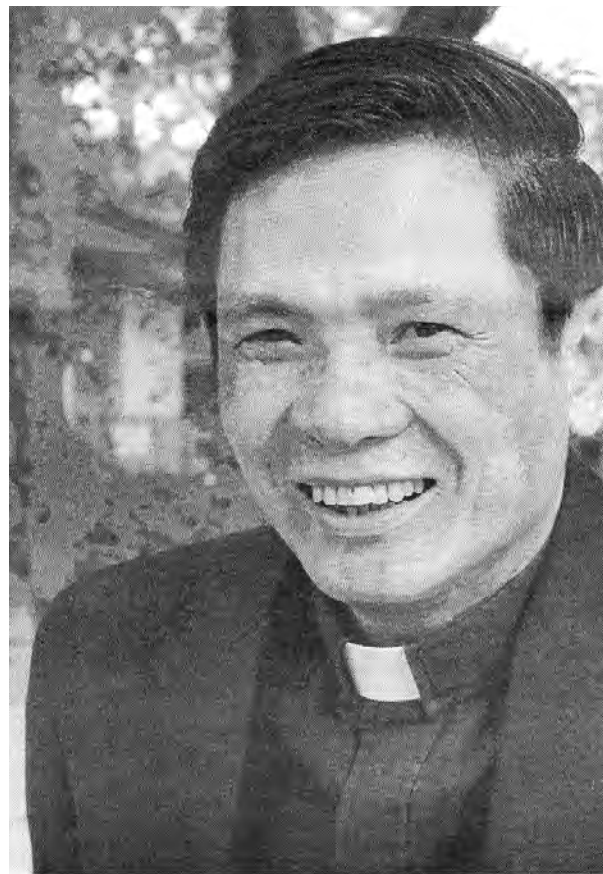
It was a normal Mass until after the second reading when we were treated to an unexpected surprise. The Vietnamese choir that performs during the Vietnamese Mass on Sundays sang a hymn in

Vietnamese. Their wonderful voices praising God in Father Thanh's native tongue was a fitting tribute to the Lord. Deacon Dung Bui then read the Gospel to us. Bishop Galeone next introduced Father Thanh to the congregation as the new pastor of Christ the King Parish. The applause from the suddenly standing parishioners was thunderous. After the applause had died down and Father Thanh had taken his seat, Bishop Galeone gave the homily. The homily dealt with the issues of leadership and what true leaders have as their priorities. Bishop Galeone said that a true leader looks to the interests of his people before his own. That seemed about as important regarding leadership as anything else he presented.

After the homily, Father Thanh led his parishioners in our profession of faith, the Nicene Creed. He recited an oath then to formalize his new position. Bishop Galeone donned his miter and officially installed Father Thanh as our pastor. Father Thanh then asked any members of the parish council that were present to come forward to the altar and thanked them for their support and encouragement.

The offering hymn was performed by the Vietnamese choir and the communion processional hymn, "One Bread, One Body," was beautifully offered by our adult choir. The Vietnamese choir also sang after communion before the final prayer and blessing. Our congregation was so involved in the proceedings that had taken place, Bishop Galeone had to prompt us to stand for the final prayer and blessing.

When Mass had ended, Father Thanh addressed the congregation and introduced his brother, Hung, and new sister-in-law, Binh, who had recently wed and come to Jacksonville from Houston to attend Father Thanh's installation. He described how pleased he was to be officially in his new position



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and said he needed our prayers, support and cooperation in order to be a successful pastor. After Father Thanh's comments, he and the bishop were met at the rear of the church for many congratulations and good wishes. Then we adjourned to the Shirley David Hall for the reception.

The walls of the Shirley David Hall were adorned with many paper cutouts of children hand in hand made by the students of Christ the King to honor and congratulate Father Thanh. There were buffet tables covered with plentiful egg rolls, spring rolls, fresh fruit, tiny sandwiches, fresh vegetables with

dressings, and an all time favorite, sushi. A giant box of cookies filled out the spread. As the available beverage, a red punch was welcome after attending Mass in a church filled with the warmth of many people. Everyone there seemed to be happy with the selections and filled their plates and glasses with hopeful anticipation. Father Thanh was greeted by many more people who wished him well and congratulated him on his appointment. The reception was full of parishioners who were glad our large ship had finally received its new captain. We are thankful.

From the Editor

Dear Readers of the *Courier*

Here it is . . . The winter issue of the *Courier*. As usual, life at Christ the King has been a beehive of activity full of events many of which are reflected within these pages. The staff of the *Courier* has worked very hard to produce an informative as well as an entertaining issue.

The Lenten season will soon be upon us and in this issue we've included several items upon which to reflect. You will also find our coverage from the various ministries, the Epiphany Celebration and last, but not definitely not least, the visit of Bishop Victor Galeone at the installation of Father Thanh Nguyen as our Pastor. We hope you will enjoy reading it. Because of my husband's illness, my part in this issue has been minimal. While I'm on leave of absence Mary Ann Sullivan has graciously accepted the position and responsibility of Associate Editor. She has been very involved in the *Courier* since it's beginning in the Spring of 1998. Her dedication and expertise have been and continue to be invaluable to

me and to the staff. *Thank you* Mary Ann for your generosity of spirit and dedication to this ministry. Thank you for being my friend.

My heartfelt thanks go to Father Thanh, Tony Trotti, and all the *Courier* staff for their friendship, love, prayers, and support as my husband and I make this difficult journey together.

I would also like to extend my thanks to my co-workers, friends, and all at Christ the King for your loving concern and prayers. I now know a deeper meaning to the words, "love lifted me." Both Rick and I are grateful to everyone.

As you read this issue of the *Courier* please say a prayer for the staff who have worked so diligently to bring you the news of our faith community. May they continue to be passionate in their desire to make every issue of the *Courier* the best it can be.

A special thanks for all who contribute to the *Courier* . . . to those who submit articles and to those who read them. Your support makes this paper a success.



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The mission of *CHRIST THE KING COURIER* is to provide our Christ The King Family with information and news regarding our faith and parish ministries. The goal is to share information, happenings, and stories that abound within the ministries of our parish in the hope that people can use this information to bring you closer to God and our parish church family. Wisdom and enlightenment are two of many of God's gifts, and through *CHRIST THE KING COURIER*, parishioners can share in the joy, love, and fellowship of Christ the King Parish. Our desire is to serve our God, share his message of love and hope with all, and to encourage others to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ the King.

As the official publication of our parish family, *Christ the King Courier* sees the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians as exemplifying the content and character of this publication.

"As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom He loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body." Colossians 3:12-15.

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Visiting with our Pastor



By Mickey Kenny

January has surely been a month of welcoming, of greeting, and of hospitality. It is in the visit of the three kings that it is revealed to us in scripture that this baby is God's gift to all people. The gift of God in our personal lives and in our families is made abundantly clear in Mary and Joseph; this gift given to the people of Israel is acknowledged by the shepherds; and the gentiles and people of all the world are represented, even at the manger, by the kings. God is a gift to all.

This gift of God requires a response. It is not enough that Jesus knocks at our door – we have to respond to His call with welcoming and hospitality. Our special celebration of Epiphany was a very happy and successful beginning to the year.

Starting with the special liturgy and the celebration of the Mass, everyone from everywhere is invited to accept the invitation to come and worship the babe in the manger.

In all our individuality and diversity, we are invited to the table. We are included; we belong. We are all special gifts; and we are each invited to bring ourselves to the banquet. And what is asked of us? Actually nothing. God's gift of Himself is exactly that: gift, and freely given.

But this gift must call forth a response. Throughout scripture we are shown the power of the invitation when there is response. Look at the Emmaus journey. Traveling along they encounter Jesus, risen but not recognized. He teaches them and invites them into deeper understanding of the scripture. They accept the invitation and learn as they walk with Him. But, they never would have known Him if they had not responded with an invitation of their own to stay and dine! It was in His breaking of the bread they recognized Him.

As we shared our foods from our homes around the world at the Epiphany banquet we were a joyful expression of hospitality. One parish with many traditions. One group responding to the invitation to belong to the body of Christ here in our parish.

We welcomed Father Tom Willis this month as well to help us with our Liturgical Formation Day. Father Willis reminded us the welcoming to the Eucharist begins in the parking lot, outside the church, when we have the opportunity to make all those we meet feel welcome. We extend the welcome beyond our special friends and acquaintances, and acknowledge the arrival of those we haven't had the privilege of knowing. We are to welcome in their diversity those with whom we have not as yet established a connecting thread.

Everyone is invited to bring their gifts to the altar; everyone is included in the call to the altar, the call to the banquet, the invitation to be a part of the body of Christ.

We want also to include everyone in our many ministries here at Christ the King. As pastor, Father Thanh expressed how proud and also humbled he is to take note every week how many ministries are listed in the Bulletin - and these ministries are alive and working here in Christ the King. All those who have not taken a place in one of these ministries at this time are encouraged to come on down and join.

Special thanks are extended to several people. Father Willis, of course, for his help with liturgical changes. Mike Mackin, the Parish Council president, certainly enjoyed organizing the Epiphany gathering. And the more people helped with their gifts and their sharing, the more connected we became. He is thanked for getting the ball rolling. Helen Ramos, who has served courageously as reader at the 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass, is thanked for having already begun to organize a rotating call for lectors and Eucharistic ministers to serve at this Mass.

And so the invitation goes on. We want to explore ways in which all ministries invite and then welcome in a continuing cycle of hospitality.

In keeping with these thoughts Father Thanh said, "I want to thank everyone for their welcoming of my brother and his wife to the parish at the time of my installation. He told me 'my church has a great hospitality.'"

Letters



Patrick McClintock in the Turret



That's me on patrol

In our bulletin a number of weeks ago it was suggested writing to a parishioner who is serving in Bosnia. Father Guy Noonan took the occasion to send such a letter. Below is his reply from Christ the King parishioner, SPC Patrick McClintock.

Dear Father Noonan,

First I'd like to ask your forgiveness for putting off writing

Thank you From All Saints Home

Thank you to all the wonderful people who bought our residents a Christmas gift.

You are all wonderful!

Christ the King parishioners helped make our residents at All Saints Catholic Home enjoy their Christmas Day.

We love you all and God Bless.

We thank you all, and our residents thank you also.

From the Staff and Residents of All Saints Home.

back for so long after you took the time to write me. It's not just you, I haven't written anyone in months due to my mission load and ... problems. I'm very sorry and I'd like to thank you very much for writing me without even knowing me.

So much has happened since I've been here it's hard to know where to begin. One thing I'd like to say is that I miss Christ the King Church more than anything else back home. I truly mean that. I've learned a lot of things being over here, especially about myself. I miss being with the family of Christ, not the family of this world, though I know that they are with me in their prayers.

Well, Father, there is so much more that I'd like to write about, but I need to get some sleep so I can get up for a mission tomorrow (also my mouth is bothering me from having my wisdom teeth removed yesterday). Well I hope to write again soon and I hope to hear from you.

God Bless,
Patrick

What's Happening



OUR CHURCH WELCOMES

Welcome: We would like to welcome the following individuals and families to Christ the King Community

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| The Edward Baldwin Family | The Oh-Criner Family |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Barnes | The Robin Naderson Family |
| The Leopold Charles Family | The Brian Smith Family |
| Eileen Geesey | Rosemarie Sudhoff |
| Bernardino Hernandez | Mr. & Mrs. Jesu Valencia |

Baptisms: We would like to announce the following people who were recently baptized into the Catholic Church

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| Morgan Anh Thu Nguyen | Nov. 3 | Lilly Thu Nguyen | Jan. 20 |
| E. McRae Mathis | Nov. 10 | Teresa Lynsey Thuy-Tien Duong | |
| Joseph Broward Carlton, IV | Nov. 11 | | Jan. 20 |
| Gabriel F. Goldsby | Nov. 11 | John David Bunag | Jan. 20 |
| Isabela Elise Baldwin | Nov. 7 | Jack F. Ogin, Jr., | Jan. 20 |
| Karli Rae Wrubluski | Nov. 18 | Peyton Elizabeth Bayot | Jan. 27 |
| Tillman J. Lankford | Nov. 24 | Michael Dean Barron | Jan. 27 |
| Eric Brian Smith, III | Nov. 25 | Kimo Leon Barron | Jan. 27 |
| Lee Christopher Hunter Meade | | Hannah Barron | Jan. 27 |
| | Dec. 16 | Jacob Tyler Bonnichsen | Jan. 27 |
| Alyssa Victoria Barron | Dec. 30 | Jacob Michael Ossi | Jan. 27 |
| Dylan Henry Oh-Criner | Nov. 25 | Marcel Jamal Smith | Jan. 27 |
| Jacob Randall Waite | Jan. 12 | | |

Marriages: We would like to acknowledge the following parishioners who were recently united into the Sacrament of Marriage.

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| Lawrence G. Fete, III and Gwen Fekete on November 17. | Charles M. Keisling and Mai Thi Dinh on December 26 |
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Deaths: The following people are recently deceased members of our parish for whom we offer our special prayers.

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| Regis G. O'Connell | Nov. 1 | Lino E. Ramos | Dec. 14 |
| Margaret Heater | Nov. 1 | Judy T. Dallavia | Dec. 16 |
| Frank Napoli | Nov. 8 | Richard Michael Dayoub | Jan. 7 |
| Thuc Ngoc Tran | Nov. 9 | Judy M. Remy | Jan. 16 |
| Frank Henry Graham, III | Nov. 9 | Susan Farwell Fridell | Jan. 16 |
| Thomas J. Sheehan | Nov. 16 | Richard Francis Whelan | Jan. 21 |
| Daniel Richard Labelle | Nov. 19 | Emily Kourdy | Jan. 24 |
| Adee Clyde Martin | Nov. 25 | Margaret Alesi | Jan. 27 |
| Edward J. Ansloan | Dec. 4 | | |

An Invitation to Share

Christ the King Courier is eager to hear how your ministry embraces your fellow brothers and sisters



We look forward to receiving your articles on your outreach efforts in the coming months

Greetings from the Emerald Isle

A Letter from Father Carey

Greetings from the Emerald Isle. Several times I have begun to write something for the *Courier*, but each time the idea waned. At one stage it was to have been a Christmas letter, but the mailing date came upon me too soon. So here goes.

The time of writing is early December. Winter has its foot in the door. We have had frost occasionally, and on one occasion a little snow and sleet which did not stay on the ground more than an hour or so. Some of the nights have been very cold. We have had our usual ration of Irish rain. I had forgotten how wild, blustery, stormy and penetrating the wind can be here. I decided to buy a hat rather than an umbrella for the rain. One Mary Poppins is enough.

The leaves have all gone from the trees now. Naked trees have a beauty of their own. There is quite a bit of green area around here. With the leaves gone I can see more of it now. Even in this wintry scene there are still a few roses on the bushes. I expected we would have many birds around in these trees. We do, but only magpies, which I've been told, have driven all the others away. They are noisy scavengers. Someone counted over 40 of them in the local flock.

The Kimmage Campus is a busy place. There is a Parish Church with its attendant activities. In the educational sector we have the Kimmage Institute of Theology and Culture. It is in this institute our seminarians take their theology courses. Some are Irish; some are members of the Holy Ghost Order, some are from other orders. Some are lay people. The student body is international in character as is the faculty. Both primary degrees and postgraduate courses are available, including doctorates. Standards are set and supervised by other universities.

Another major educational element is the Development Studies Course. This was begun by a classmate of mine with a doctorate in Economics. His experiences in the missions in West Africa led him to do something to educate leaders who would bring about change in Third World countries. These changes would benefit the lives and economies of the poorest people. It is a postgraduate course which has been established for 30 years now. Its staff is completely lay and includes some of its own alumni. It also is linked to other colleges and universities. Obviously the students are from several nationalities.

The Development Studies Course is housed in the old "Manor House." This is not a nursing home, but was once the property of a "Lord of the Manor," a local landowner in British times. It was bought by the Holy Ghost Fathers about 1930 for administration

purposes. At that time it was extended and the extension was used as a Novitiate. Later the Novitiate moved to another location and our seminary was built there. This in turn was sold to the telephone company as a training school, and we built a smaller establishment to provide accommodation and tuition facilities for seminarians.

Besides the Manor and the House of Studies, the Holy Ghost community has a number of other buildings. There is the "Mission House," (known to us as the "White House" because of its color), which is a retirement home nowadays, with accommodation for about 50 retirees

and others needed for the administration and services at the house. It is attached to "Marian House," a nursing home unit with 25 beds, fully equipped and staffed to provide for those needing 24-hour nursing care. Medical services are available to us all, including doctor visits.

It is good we have some younger people around us here. This is a community living face to face with mortality. It seems we have a funeral every few weeks. No wonder our liturgists find it difficult to have "fresh" celebrations for them. But it is nice to know there may be 40 to 50 priests con-celebrating one's funeral Mass.

As the need for accommodation of retiring missionaries increases, it was decided to add two more buildings named for Bishop Shanahan, one of our great missionary bishops in the early years of the 20th century. Each building is of three stories, with two three-bedroom apartments and two two-bedroom apartments on each floor. When the Holy Ghost Fathers no longer have need of them they can be sold or rented to families. House A in which I live, and share an apartment with a priest I had known in Kenya, is occupied by Holy Ghost Fathers, except for one apartment which is used as an office by the editor of our Mission Magazine.

House B is occupied by our Mission Promotions Staff, and some of the students from the Development Studies Course. It is nice to live in a place that still smells so new. While the Mission House has housekeeping help, we are expected to do our own housekeeping and cleaning, etc. Why is the washing machine so complicated?

For our meals we join the main community in the Mission House Dining Room. It is nice to be with others for meals. There I meet classmates and others I had worked with in Kenya and other places. As Psalm 133 says, "how good and pleasant it is for brothers to live together in peace." In our house we have a small Oratory in which we celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours



The Original Kimmage Manor House



Kimmage Parish Church

together and con-celebrate the Eucharist. The stained glass windows in it are beautiful and bring back many memories to me. They used to be in the seminary study hall when I was a student there.

What am I doing? I'm still trying to understand what it means to be retired, and what others around me understand it to be. I have not taken on any job. At times I have done part-time ministry, such as saying Mass for retired sisters, replacing a couple of hospital chaplains while they took vacation. On the one hand I do not want my gift of priesthood to lie idle, but on the other hand I do not feel up to a full time ministry. I suppose I am "in process" with regard to all that. As I had hoped, I am getting my prayer life better organized. I am seeking a spiritual director, something that takes a little time. My interest in the Scriptures continues as I review my notes from my year in Jerusalem, and have joined a *Lectio Divina* group in the community. I bought some drawing material but have yet to use it. One of our priests is quite an artist and offers classes. But, the way I see it, for him it is a second career and somewhat professional. I just wish to putz around for my own amusement.

The area around us has been developed into a nice residential enclave, with quiet, traffic free streets and roads. This is great for walking, and I make a point of doing some walking daily. It keeps me in a good mood, helps my diabetes and blood pressure, but apparently does nothing for my weight. I also read a fair amount.

I have been in touch with my brothers and visited with them. My sister lives about two miles from here, so I join her for Sunday dinner. I have not been in touch

with cousins or old friends yet. Lazy? Careless? Not bothering?

Ireland has really changed in recent years. Coming to terms with that is taking time. By now I think I have become used to Irish money, and to a degree its relative value. Of course, I'll have to go through all that again January 1, 2002. On that day the Euro, the common currency of the European Union, will become the only legal tender here. You have all heard of the "Celtic Tiger," the name given to the tremendous improvements in the Irish economy in recent years. With the slowdown all over the world I'm afraid it has lost its stripes. Lots of businesses have closed down resulting in many job losses.

I bought a small car, a tiny Toyota called a "Yaris." It is nice and adequate for my needs. But Dublin seems to be in perpetual gridlock. Like most older European cities, its streets and roads were not designed for the volume of traffic we have these days. On one recent trip it took 20 minutes to cover a half mile.

It has also been difficult dealing with September 11th and all its consequences. There was a tremendous outpouring of sympathy here on that occasion. September 14th was declared a special public holiday so people could join church and prayer services and the churches were filled. But there was also sorrow because of more war and killing and people's homes and lives being destroyed. It looks as if the worst of it is coming to an end. May the final outcome lead to peace and an end to terrorism. This has to be founded on justice. It'll be a while before that will be achieved.

I wish you all every blessing in this New Year.

Advent Tree



by Trudy Cameron

Once again the Advent Tree was an outstanding success. Parishioners at Christ the King truly know the spirit of giving to those less fortunate. This year 1,377 paper ornaments were on the trees but because of the generosity of Christ the King, we had over 2,000 gifts to give away. Many people sent extra presents and others gave their person two or three gifts.

These presents go to needy people of all ages, from babies to those in nursing homes. We get the names and gifts wanted from 14 different agencies. (see list below)

Many people helped on this project. Special recognition goes to those who helped write the ornaments - Ruth Gunther, Marj Burke, Betty Becht, Kathy Robinson, Kathleen Rein, Mary Ann Danese, Ashley Yount, Helen Stenner, Donna Simons and Peggy Mills.

On Sunday night December 16th the Gathering Area was one beehive of activity. It took 1 1/2 hours to separate the gifts for each agency. Next, the gifts were loaded

into boxes for distribution. The Mental Health agency, Angel Aid, the Department of Children and Families, and St. Gerard's House each had representatives come with trucks and vans on Sunday evening to pick up the gifts for their organizations.

On Monday morning we had many volunteers return to deliver gifts to the remaining agencies. They came with their trucks and cars and all presents were delivered in record time. We are most grateful to these people: Helen Ramos, Hector Cameron, Bud Stiles, Jim and Bet Knight, Jim Dolan, Danny Mills, Donnell Baer, Mike Yarborough, Helen Stenner, Jesse Morgan and Mary Ann Danese.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of Christ the King parishioners. The thing that makes this project so rewarding is that in many cases our gift is the only Christmas present that the person receives.

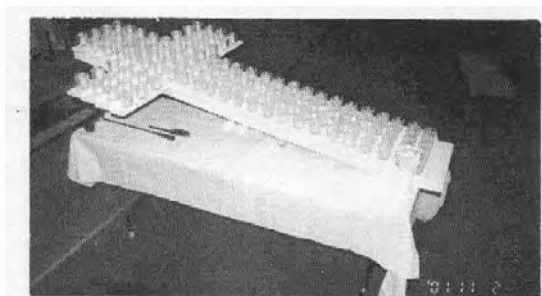
It has been a joy and privilege for me to organize this wonderful project and I thank each and every one of you who helped in any way.



Mental Health Association
 Harbor House
 Oakwood Villas (needy children)
 Boys Home Silvercreek Apartments (needy children)
 All Saints Nursing Home
 First Coast Rehab & Health (nursing home)
 Children's Home Society
 Foreign Seafarers (Deacon Gjet Bajraktari of the Apostleship of the Sea gives a gift to all foreign seamen coming to the port of Jacksonville during the holidays)
 Our Lady of Hope Farm in St. Augustine
 Department of Children & Families (needy children)
 Catholic Charities (baby presents)
 St. Gerard House (baby presents)
 Angel Aid (children with life-threatening diseases)



Knights of Columbus Memorial Service



by Eileen Porter & Frank Becht

The Arlington Council Knights of Columbus held its annual Memorial Service for deceased members on All Soul's Day, November 2, 2001. The service was held in Christ the King Church and followed a Mass celebrated by Monsignor Mortimer Danaher, who has been Chaplain for the Knights for more than twenty years. In his homily, Monsignor Danaher reminded the congregation of the thousands of hours of service to God and community provided by the deceased Knights who were being honored by the service.

Candles were provided for each deceased Knight, and placed at the front of the church sanctuary in the form of a cross. As Grand Knight George Coseo called out the name of each Knight, a family member or friend of the deceased came

forward to light a candle in his honor. For those Knights who did not have a representative present, a candle was lit in his honor by two Knights who were assisting with the ceremony.

When all the candles had been lit for the deceased Knights, Shirley Mosely, representing the KCees, came forward and lit one large candle for the deceased members of the KCees.

The ceremony is a very moving experience for everyone in attendance, but particularly for family members and close friends, as it recalls vivid memories of loved ones and renews our prayerful fervor for the souls of our departed brothers and sisters.

Following the Memorial Service a reception was held in the Shirley David Hall providing an opportunity to visit and share memories of our departed friends and to renew old friendships.

ACTS

by Mickey Kenny

Remember **ACTS**? Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication. We're lucky enough to learn that acronym and then have it brought to mind again drilling our children and grandchildren.

Here at Christ the King Church we are particularly fortunate because our pastoral team has given us so many opportunities to **ACT** – we'll find enough time and space for the **S** all by ourselves!

Adoration is a hallmark of Christ the King Church. Monday through Friday we have Adoration in the Chapel from 9 a.m. (following the 8:15 Mass) until 5:30 p.m. In order to maintain this we must have a minimum of two people in prayer at all times during the exposition of the body of Christ. All of us can come by at any time during the day and have this very special prayer opportunity. Anyone who wants to be a part of the team, contact Claretta Lamusga at 743-9998. It would certainly be appreciated.

Contrition is a word for sorrow for our sin, repentance. The Penitential Rite we sometimes celebrate does not replace our need for the Sacrament of Confession. This Rite "is not to be confused with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lacking sacramental absolution, it is an understated, preparatory, and optional rite, to help the assembly reflect on their spiritual condition and bring a humble attitude to worship." [*Catholic Source Book*, edited by Rev. Peter Klein, Brown ROA Publishing Media, 1990, p. 266.] This Rite is a preparation for the Confession which follows.

In our parish we have been given during both Advent and Lent the opportunity to participate in a very special service. It has all been arranged by our pastoral team so that many priests from neighboring parishes, in addition to our own staff, are here to make it so very convenient for us to prepare for and to make a Confession. There are no long lines for the Confessionals. Perhaps some of us have forgotten

how difficult it can be and are somewhat "spoiled" by the convenience. We have to remember our "Easter duty" – which is an unfortunate name given to a wonderful opportunity provided by Christ to remain in a state of grace. Sometimes we forget.

Reconciliation has developed over the past thirty years into a very positive and reinforcing sacrament. It is difficult to remember the negative connotations which once surrounded this sacrament. And the priests are so good about helping us learn ways to avoid a continual repetition of things we really don't want to do or feel!

Thanksgiving is always part of our everyday relationship with God and everyone else we love and want to please. I personally know that being grateful for all the good in my life has helped me more than most other things. *An attitude of gratitude* – it falls off the tongue rather easily, but is sometimes slow to appear in the memory when the "poor me's" come to settle in! And nothing helps more with forgiveness than to remember all the qualities in anyone and everyone for which I am grateful – or should be. And where would it leave me if everyone else were perfect?

Supplication is pretty easy. Most of us have that down to a fine science without any special service. The Vesper service Father Carr has been giving to us on the second Friday evening of every month is actually a service in which we implore God to grant special grace to those we love who are serving the country.

We need these special services being provided by our priests. We are so very fortunate to have them all. By taking them too much for granted, like an I-really-don't-have-time-now-I'll-just-go-next-time attitude we could risk losing their services. Success will hopefully be judged by how much these services mean to those who do attend rather than judged by the actual number in attendance – but come on everyone, come join in the beauty.

Annual Marriage Celebration



Maggie and Joe Damato

by Maggie Damato

On November 21st, my husband, Joe, and I attended the 22nd Bishop's Anniversary Celebration. There are some of you who might ask what this celebration is all about. Bishop John Snyder initiated this event 22 years ago to celebrate with couples in our diocese on their wedding anniversaries beginning with the 25th, then 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and above. Each year the celebration is held in a different parish in the diocese. This year the event was held at St. Catherine's Parish in Orange Park.

When we arrived at St. Catherine's we were directed to what you might call "a staging area." Here you meet old friends and make new friends from different parts of the diocese. When all the couples were assembled we processed into the church to begin the liturgy of the Holy Mass. The songs, the readings and the homily

by Bishop Galeone could not have been more spiritually moving. After the homily each couple was called to the altar and greeted there by Bishop Galeone who presented them with a certificate honoring their particular anniversary. The ladies were presented with a long-stemmed yellow rose. You witnessed tear-stained faces as these couples renewed their marriage vows.

I was informed by the Diocesan Family Services that 231 couples had made reservations with 216 actually in attendance. There were 95 couples who could not make the trip to Orange Park but requested certificates be sent to them. Certificates were mailed to all couples not able to attend.

Be sure to watch for the announcement in the fall of 2002 for the 23rd Anniversary Celebration and make plans to attend. It is an experience you will never forget.

Just Imagine

by Rosemary McDougal

Let your memory roll back a few weeks to the holiday season when houses were filled with laughter and excitement as we waited in hopeful anticipation for the birth of the King. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was holding their annual Christmas party.

John and Mickey Kenny were so gracious to open their lovely home for this celebration. For Vincentians it was not only a time of great joy but also a realization of how truly blessed they were as their daily mission is working with those who struggle in life.

After happy greetings and exchange of news, St. Vincent de Paul members were privileged to have a home Mass said by the ministry's chaplain, Father Neil Carr. The members themselves reverently did the reading for the day and the psalm. The liturgy is

always so beautiful but it takes on special meaning when friends gather round the Table of the Lord. At the sign of peace the warmth of the greetings only further deepened the joy of the occasion.

When the Mass was completed, chairs were moved, tables appeared, grace was said, and the members scurried to the dining room where a feast awaited the guests. With the Kennys supplying mouth-watering meats, the Vincentians themselves had prepared the most delicious array of salads, vegetables, specialty breads, and all sorts of accompaniments, too numerous to mention. The finale, of course, was a splendid display of desserts which unfortunately for the weight watcher crowd were irresistible. Suffice to say that no one left the Kenny home hungry.

Everyone agreed that the best place in town for a party is at the home of John and Mickey Kenny. Just imagine next year!

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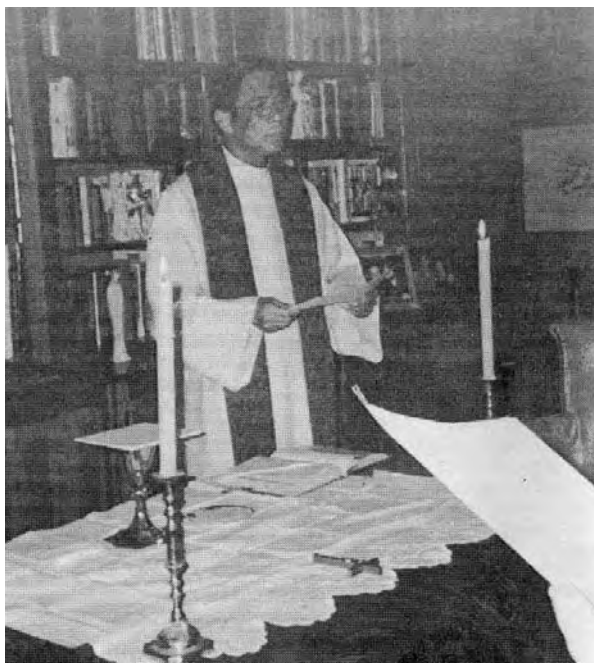
by Dolores Bianco

The L'Arche Harbor House community would like to express our gratitude to Christ the King for your most *generous* and *giving* spirit. In November you not only allowed Harbor House the use of your Parish Hall for our 10th Annual Silent Auction—you also supported us by your attendance! We netted over \$13,000. THANK YOU!!!

We wish to express our thank you by inviting the Parishioners of Christ the King to our Living Stations of the Cross to be held at Harbor House on Thursday, March 7th at 6 p.m., followed by a simple dinner. Hope to see you there!



Courier Christmas Gathering



Santa Visits Again

by Lucille Guzzone

As usual the Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. was filled to capacity with little children and their families. At the end of the liturgy, as the lights dimmed and the organ played "Silent Night," a red clad figure began to walk slowly and reverently toward the altar. The youngsters craned their necks to see dear old Santa as he made his way up the aisle. After

honoring Mary, Jesus' mother, Santa bowed to the baby in the manger and then picked Him up holding Him well over his head. The children saw that Santa loved the miraculous Baby and realized that the giver of gifts was honoring the most precious gift of all. Santa's visit has become a tradition in our parish and one which our children of all ages will anticipate for many years to come.



The world without God

Like Autumn without leaves,
Like the beach with no breeze.
Like homework without a book,
Like a poem with no hook.
Like rainbows without color,
Like a daughter with no mother,
is the world without God.

The world without God
Like games without competition,
Like studying with no composition.
Like a bird without a perch,
Like Sunday without a church.
Like a house without a door,
Like a room without a floor,
is the world without God.

by Christina Lohr

Christina Lohr is in Mrs. Cooney's 8th grade class at Christ The King School



by Mary Ann Sullivan

how we are an extension of these ministries.

The *Christ the King Courier* staff and spouses gathered together the first part of December for an evening of faith, food, and frolic. John and Mickey Kenny graciously opened their home for this special occasion.

Our publisher and pastor, Father Thanh Nyugen started the evening off with the celebration of the Mass. During his homily Father spoke of the ministry work that the *Courier* has done in spreading the news of all the ministries in our faith community. He explained

After Mass, the group gathered around the dining table as Father blessed our food. The potluck fare was a huge hit and one we would like to repeat in the future. We spent the rest of the evening enjoying good food and enjoying each others company. The Kennys' hospitality was very much appreciated and it put everyone in a festive mood.

We missed those staff members and spouses who were unable to attend this gathering. We hope we will all be together in the spring when we celebrate our 4th anniversary.

Faith as a Journey of Interpretation of Life:

Some Considerations - Part Two

by Father Guy Noonan

THE COMMUNAL ASPECT OF INTERPRETATION:

As you move through this process of the RCIA, reflect on your personal story as a place wherein the surprise of God – though often unsuspected – also seeks to show its face.

Interpret your story where you see these surprises within the struggle and within the good times, and the desire for “more” in your life. Do not be afraid of interpretation. Everything we know in life is an interpretation; there is no raw, cold fact out there that is not in some way merged with our own questions and shadings in some way. (Why does one love, and another not love, the same person!). Understand that your interpretation will be different to a degree than others’ interpretations. Your story is different, and that is an important part of the truth as it is revealed to you.

But there are common elements to consider also, and that too is an important part of the truth

All candidates in the RCIA are seeking to understand their life more deeply.

All believe that in some way the surprising God offers surprises in our life too. Faith is not simply a past reality (remembering the past story of Jesus), but also a present reality.

All of you wonder if perhaps the Catholic Christian tradition will be the best place for you to come to understand this depth dimension to life. This is why your own faith is seeking further understanding. The question is this: In all the twists and turns – the surprises of life – will I come to something new yet again – the realization that God was present in ways I least expected and will do so again and again too!

All hope – and we as the congregation of Christ the King hope too – that this parish community will help you come to a better understanding of this depth in life. It is not simply your depth that is at play here. It is our depth as a community gathered in the name of Jesus. We are saying as a group that God is part and parcel of our life. We are also saying that Jesus is the most “potent” sign we have ever seen among the many signs we have seen of God among us.

In brief, we are saying that God is life and the only explanation for our being. We

believe that God’s way has been particularly and astoundingly shown in the humanity of Jesus Christ, and that in that humanity we see the divine shine forth. We do not here have some form of a ghost-spirit who took on flesh temporarily. Jesus was flesh as we are flesh, humanity as we are humanity. It is in His real humanity and history that God revealed God’s self. It is in our real flesh and our real history that God does the same. We hope that what happened in Jesus is a sign of what God has in store for us all. . . .

The Sacraments:

We do not only say all this through words. As a worshipping community we also “act out” our belief through ritual. We take the “simple stuff” of life, and in all of this we hope that the profundity of life will shine forth. We take basic things and call them sacrament. They are part and parcel of the normal day-to-day and even humdrum life:

- * We take water for Baptism and speak of cleansing.
- * We take oil for Confirmation and speak of being anointed, set aside for the Lord.
- * We take bread and wine for Eucharist, and say that in that bread is the wonder of God’s nourishment for us especially in the person and memory of Jesus.
- * We take our own bodies and persons for Marriage, and say that the physical, psychological and spiritual sharing of life can form a fitting dwelling place of God.
- * We take our own sins as in Penance/Confession, and say that our need and God’s love combine to restore us on the journey.
- * We take our own special ministries in Holy Orders, and we say that these are set aside in service for the church.
- * We even take our own sickness as in the Anointing of the Sick, and say that in our weakness we still hope for God’s strength.

In all of these very physical and “common” aspects of life— there is something uncommon seeking to show its face: God’s action within us, in the name of and through Jesus.

In the end a believer’s interpretation is not just his or her own. It is shared by others, in a tradition of belief, ritual and action.



There is nothing strange in this; it is true in all of life. No one is born, lives or finds meaning in a vacuum. In fact, when there is an empty space, one seeks to close it by reflecting on that void. This too is part of the motive for your inquiry: Your family, language, culture, interests, political preferences, occupation and nationality have not stifled the tiny vacuum which is always there, seeking the “More.” Some have called it the “God-shaped hole” in our life (Jean Vanier, founder of the *l’Arche* communities).

A HUMBLE WAY:

We need to be humble about this inquiry and about our interpretations. We do not impose them on others, and we know that we will never understand the whole of truth. It is simply too much for us. Positively speaking, some of these can help us better understand our own; then again, some others will be just too far away from our experience to help shed light on our life. Just think, for example, of how Judaism helps us to understand our own Christ and Christianity. As the great Rabbi Abraham Heschel said: “Christians need to remember that we Jews gave them the Christ” and so the whole of Jewish history and theology is implied in many, though not in all ways, when we speak of Jesus and of the Church. There is no way to understand Eucharist, to give one example, without also understanding some aspects of the Jewish Passover meal and the weekly Jewish “meals of thanks” in Jesus’ day. Jesus was born a Jew and

died a Jew, and he interpreted and acted both within and from that tradition. Thus, in some instances, he was in accord with Jewish

teaching and practice; in other instances, he separates himself from it.

INTERPRETATION WITHIN A TRADITION AND WITHIN MARGINS:

The Christian-Catholic tradition is two thousand years long, and it has many persons who help to nourish it and bring it forth in every age. The margins are wide and allow for much uniqueness. Remember, your own story is unique, and the stories of many saints (past and present) are also unique.

Nonetheless, there are margins around this Christian-Catholic faith. There are also margins around what it means to respect life and to seek justice for all so that all might have a more full and meaningful life. In fact, one of the most surprising things about Judaism and the life and ministry of Jesus is the concern for the “widow, the orphan and the poor,” and those whom the society excluded. These “ones in need” are seen as examples *par excellence* of what it means (a) to be a human person (that is, to be a dependent creature), and (b) to also be open (precisely because we are in need) to *salvation and wholeness from beyond us, from God.*

There are also “overseers” within this Catholic-Christian “Tradition.” This is no surprise; there are overseers in all traditions, including those of families. However, these overseers are not called to exercise their power “over” people as if a form of dominion. Rather, it is ministry for the real good of their respective communities. In the Catholic community we have:

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St. Bernadette Circle Celebrates



Bill Campbell, Father Carr, Marge Campbell and Hector Cameron



Ruth Fitzgerald, Betty Harky, Father Guy, Sissy Keegan (hidden), and Bud and Marge Stiles



Jim Setser, Dell and Alick Hardie



Father Guy, Ruth Gunther, Claretta Lamusga, Trudy Cameron, Sissy Keegan, and Father Carr

by Pat Setser

A Christmas gathering of Circle 7, St. Bernadette Circle of the Council of Catholic Women, is a long standing traditional event. The evening always includes a meal, some entertainment and the singing of Christmas carols. This year it was held at the home of Jim and Pat Setser on December 2nd. The meal was coordinated by Sissy Keagan. She did not allow any health problems to prevent her from fulfilling her responsibility. Several members prepared and served

various specialties that evening. Forty-two people (members, spouses, Father Neil Carr, Father Guy Noonan and CKCCW president, Daisy McDonald) came for an evening of food, fun and entertainment.

The entertainment is almost always provided courtesy of inspiration from Claretta Lamusga. She searches for talent the months before and they practice only once before the performance. "They don't want to get too good!" The performance is always marked with clever costumes, funny lines and

creates lots of laughs for the aspiring actors. This year was no exception. The performers were Claretta Lamusga, Bishop Danese, Bernie Voor in a "to die for" blond wig, Ruth Gunther, Sissy Keagan, Willie Blaquiere and Trudy Cameron. Trudy was the "Star" as Sister Mary Pat. Trudy is better known as Mrs. Santa Claus for organizing and fulfilling the Advent Giving Trees. For this evening she donned a black top and skirt, a white bib and a large rosary. She really got into the role as a catechism teacher. She tapped her

large 36 inch ruler with great energy and coaxed answers from the quiet class. Sister Mary Pat even had small prizes for correct answers. Trudy enjoyed her role as Sister Mary Pat so much that some of us thought that she may have missed her "true calling."

The evening ended with Christmas carols. Another memorable Christmas party spent enjoying the season and the company of faithful friends.

FAITH

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- * Ordained bishops who watch over the community of the faithful in all the varied parishes and institutions of the church. These bishops speak and share not only with the people, but with one another too. They do this in union with the one Bishop who is called to be 'first among equals' with his brother bishops, the Bishop of Rome, successor to Peter the Apostle, commonly called the Pope.
- * Ordained pastors who, with their ordained associate priests and also deacons, watch over the faith on the more "micro" local church, the parish. These men are called to union with the Bishop and with each other.
- * There are also theologians who help these overseers understand the richness and

the possibilities of the tradition so that we might be not only faithful, but also creative and relevant in our faith response today.

There are others who help "manage" the tradition. An exemplary though non exhaustive list would include the following:

- * Parish staff who are not ordained but trained by education and/or by experience in their varied areas of competency.
- * Ministers of religious education, educators in the parish grade schools and regional high schools.
- * Ministers for the varied needs of the community (e.g., those who visit the sick, Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist who help distribute the Eucharist at Sunday or weekday

Masses).

- * Ministers of the varied interests of the community (e.g., to name a few, men's gatherings like the Knights of Columbus, women's gatherings like the MOMS; teen gatherings like LIFE TEEN).

AN OPEN-ENDED CONCLUSION:

Enough. You have the idea. And so, we encourage you to continue the journey, and to remember these few things: It is your journey, and it will have some very unique aspects to it. It is our journey, because you share many questions in common with others not just in your class but also co-members of humanity. It is a journey in the Lord; you have chosen to look at Jesus as the possible Master Interpretative Image for your life. It is a free

journey; no one is constraining you to do it. It is a **sensible** journey; the faith must make sense which is why these reflections are offered for your consideration. It is an **open-ended** journey; we never fully arrive. It is also a **grace-full** journey; it must be based on openness to receive from God and others, and we hope that you will receive much.

For all of this we give thanks and say at every Eucharist: "Through Him, with Him and in Him, all honor and glory are yours Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen!" For in Jesus the surprising God becomes ever more real again and again. Why? Because we become aware and realize that in him the depths and breadth of all humanity is realized. It actually happens: "God becomes man so that man can show man how man is to become like God."

Mary at the Foot of the Cross

This reflection puts you in the shoes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

submitted by Robert Riker

I stand here at the foot of the Cross, almost in disbelief, looking at my Son whom I love so dearly. How could He suffer so much and still live? This is the second time I have had to offer my Son to His Father. The first time was preceded with such joy. But then Simeon spoke, and my heart was chilled, a chill that never left. And now, with the shouts of joy at His entry into Jerusalem still echoing in the streets, the prophesy of Simeon has come to pass. The sword which has hung over my heart for 33 years has struck; struck so very, very hard. I keep telling myself over and over; God's will be done, God's will be done. How can I stand here when He is up there, my beautiful Child? Everything in me is up there on the cross with Him.

I can still hear the cruel whips as they tore into His flesh, His cries carrying across the courtyard. I cannot stop thinking of the many times I held that body, my little baby, washing and cleaning Him, scrubbing Him when He came inside from playing or helping Joseph; watching Him grow strong and tall. His body was so perfect, so unblemished.

As He grew to be a young man, He would come inside after working all day with Joseph, and He would sit beside us. In His gentle way He would teach us the ways of God. After Joseph died, how I loved those times when we would just sit and talk. He taught me so many things. Those times alone with Him were so precious to me.

When He left home, just a short three years ago, my heart was filled with fear for Him, for I had never lived a day without the prophesy of Simeon coming to mind. Is the time now? I would ask myself. Yes, it is now.

I look upon Him, who never hated anyone, and His body is now covered with the marks of hatred for Him.

My heart longs to give Him comfort, to hold Him and wipe His brow, to kiss His forehead once again, I am held back. I can only touch Him with my heart, for He is crucified. His forehead is now kissed by a vicious crown of thorns. This crown of hatred has not defeated Him, for in His sublime dignity, He looks at me through blood-streaked eyes and says "I love you."

Oh, how my arms ache to hold Him, to embrace Him and shield Him from these men who torture and mock Him, these men for whom He only has love. A little while ago, He looked up and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". All they did was jeer, even one who hangs with Him. Will His executioners ever understand?

I look at Him suffering so, listen to His groans of pain, and I

can hear the joyful sounds of the crowd echoing across the valley as they begin the slaughtering of the Passover lambs. How ironic. They prepare for a feast honoring God for delivering them, while God's Son is murdered at their request. He told me this would happen, and why, and I know it is God's will, but that does not make the hurt in my heart any less real, any less painful.

I was standing nearby when they threw Him down so cruelly on the rough hewn Cross. Splinters impaled His already lacerated back. They had just ripped His garment off, that seamless garment I made for Him. All the wounds from His scourging last night were torn open again, and His whole body trembled from the pain. He looked at me as He lay there, His body weak beyond description, His blood already soaking the Cross, and I could do nothing. It was so painful to do nothing. I thank our Father in Heaven for not making my beloved Joseph witness this.

Then they stretched His arms out so unmercifully, driving those huge nails through His hands; those wonderful, beautiful hands. The pounding of those hammers will echo in my ears, and my dreams, for the rest of my life. I can still see His little hands that night in Bethlehem, the tiny fingers wrapped around my thumbs and grasping at my lips as I kissed His hands. How can I tell you how awestruck I was that night? The Son of God come among men.

As He grew, His hands were always helping, always serving.

He went from town to town in recent years, His hands spread love and forgiveness and healing everywhere He went. I remember Him telling me about the crippled man at the healing pool, the poor man who had been there so long and could never touch the water. My Jesus healed Him instantly. And the lepers He healed; there were so many. Once He healed ten of them at once, and only one came back to give thanks. And the woman caught in adultery, I still wonder if she understands the gift He gave her as He laid His hands on her head and forgave her and entreated her to sin no more. I pray He did not do this for her in vain. Those who needed Him were never turned away. He gave so much to so many.

Jesus told me once that sin is like leprosy of the soul. It eats away at the soul until finally nothing is left and the soul dies. He told me how He had been sent by the Father to bring healing to the souls of men, but I did not fully understand. I am beginning to now.

I stand here now, looking at those beautiful hands so maliciously nailed to the Cross, those hands which have healed so many. I see the hands which blessed John, the youngest of His followers, and the others. John stands here with me, the one whom Jesus loves so much, and whom I love as my own. The others have scattered, even Peter; my dear,



sweet, enthusiastic Peter. I want so much to reach out to comfort the hands of my Son which move no more, bless no more, heal no more. His fingers, immobilized by the hatred of men, are now curled around those cruel nails.

One of the two thieves just begged for forgiveness. My Jesus, from the Cross, forgave him. He even promised this man would be with Him today in Paradise.

Jesus just spoke to me. It startled me when He did. I didn't think He had the strength left. He gave John to me as my child, and me to John as his mother. But He called me woman! He only did that once before. In His agony, is He delirious, does He realize who I am? Oh, now I understand, now I remember! He is giving me all of them as my children. He told me one day that I would be the mother of all God's children, and I just laughed. I thought it was just His teasing. I did not understand how this could be. Now I am beginning to understand. Is this why He called me woman at Cana?

He is so weak. His body slumps down and it is so hard for Him to breathe. It has been almost three hours now. How long will He have to suffer this? To breathe, He has to raise Himself by pushing up against those horrible spikes piercing His feet. When He does, His torn back rubs against the splintery Cross, and He groans in pain. Every move He makes is agony for Him. My heart cannot take the pain I see in His face as He struggles so, but I cannot take my eyes from Him. I must share everything with Him, for that is all I can do. It is the only way I can help Him. Those feet, which walked so far and carried Him to teach and help so many, can carry Him no more. Those beautiful feet. Last night, He washed the feet of His twelve companions. None are here to wash His feet now, to give Him comfort.

I can't bear it; my heart is torn apart. A moment ago He cried out, asking why God had abandoned Him. His cry pierced my heart like another sword. But now, He is giving Himself to the Father. He is reconciled. It is finished. His body just collapsed, lifeless at last. It is done. His pain is over, for which I thank the Father. Mine continues, which I offer to the Father.

John is with me, taking me back to his house. It was so painful to have Jesus lowered from the Cross

and laid across my lap. I held His cold, gray, lifeless face tightly against me, embracing all I had left of Him. That poor, tortured face would feel no more the cruelty of man.

As each spike was pulled from His hand and fell to the ground, the soft thud echoed through my soul. His lifeless arm swung down like a cruel pendulum. The awful crown was pulled from His head and thrown down so casually, thorns breaking off, thorns covered with His precious Blood. He was slumped forward, His body draped over on the cloth used to lower Him to the ground, to my arms.

I kept wiping and wiping the blood from His face and body, removing fragments of thorns and splinters, until the water I had was gone. I would have used my tears, but I had none left. He was so brutalized. I could hardly recognize Him. My baby, my child. What have they done to you? I moved automatically, almost in a trance.

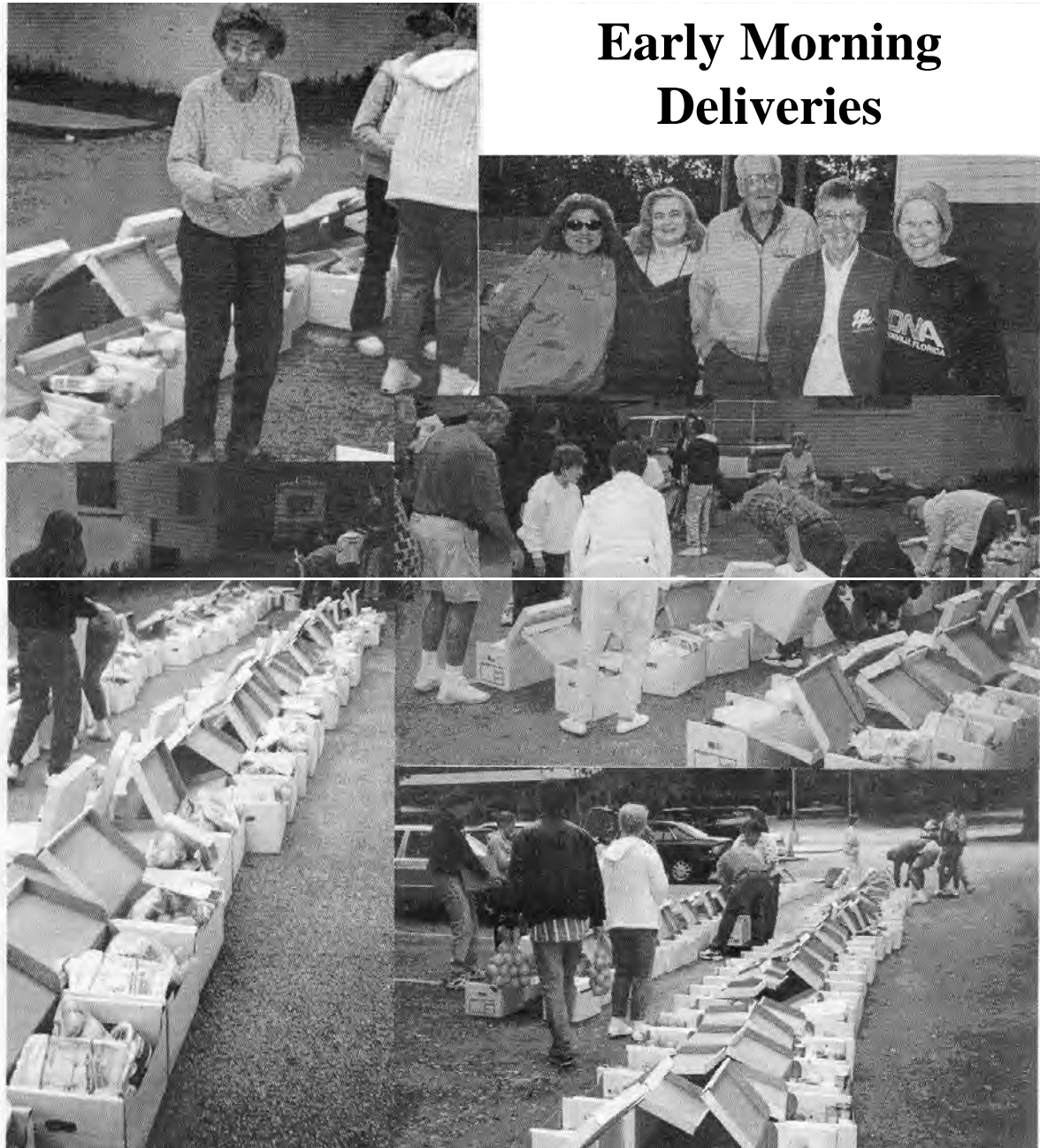
I can hardly believe it has actually happened. The whole sky went dark, so very dark, when He died. Heaven itself cried out in pain. We heard people say amongst the crowd that the veil in the Temple, the veil that enclosed the sanctuary of God, was torn from top to bottom when the sky darkened. Top to bottom; no man could do this to a veil so high. What does it mean? What now? What will we do? What will Peter do? How will I live without Him, without my Child?

To add insult to injury, they even thrust a spear into His dead body. Had they not done enough, insulted Him enough?

We are almost at John's house now. We stopped here to rest for a moment at the crest of the hill on John's street. I am so weary. As we look back at Calvary, I can see the empty Cross, the cloth used to lower Him still draped around the outstretched beams. The sun is low. The three crosses are silhouetted against the evening sky as Passover begins. How barren Calvary looks, almost innocent. No noise, no trace left of the horrible cruelty just done except for the empty Cross.

Will the world recover from what it has just done? Will it ever understand what has just happened? My Son is dead. My beloved Son. The Son of God.

Early Morning Deliveries



by Maureen Morissey

Twice a year at Thanksgiving and Christmas you will find a group of your fellow parishioners arriving in the church parking lot about 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Most of us are still fast asleep, if not sleeping, probably sitting down at the kitchen table with the newspaper in one hand and a cup of steaming hot coffee in the other. They, however, are about the business of preparing holiday baskets for our needy neighbors.

If you were to come and observe, you would see from 18 to 20 people putting these holiday baskets together. Because the people of the parish have always been so generous in funding these baskets, St. Vincent de Paul Society members are able to assemble a mouth-watering array of food. For example, this year a basket consisted of a turkey, a ham,

stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy packet, celery, onions, potatoes, pumpkin pie, Cool Whip, butter, rolls, oranges, apples, cans of corn and cans of string beans, and a box of milk. As you can see from this list, recipients of these baskets lack for nothing in this meal.

Most of the members are old hands at this, so once the food trucks arrive, the best assembly line crew in Jacksonville goes into action. The baskets are lined up in two long rows; working in teams one member will hold a box of food while two others place the item in a basket. In a little over an hour all the baskets have been filled and are ready for their destination.

This year, because of your kindness, St. Vincent de Paul members were able to put together and deliver 75 baskets at Thanksgiving and 80 baskets at Christmas.

Now with baskets packed, the fun begins for the members. Having observed and spoken to several members of the Society it is difficult for me to decide who enjoys this day more – the people who deliver or those who receive. There are smiles and tears of joy all around. Some of the members are delivering to families they have worked with through the year and this is a joyous occasion for them both. Children are always a delight as they are so free with their hugs and shouts of glee. Those who do this work say it is they who have been blessed.

You might be interested to know how the Society chooses who is to receive a basket. It is the work of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year to visit many homes of people who have called for some kind of assistance; in so doing a list is developed of people who could really use this type of assistance at

the holiday time of the year. That is not the only way the families are selected. People from the parish might know someone or some family having a particularly hard time, and the parishioner might call the Society and suggest the name.

It is also the duty and responsibility of the Vincentians to call on all families when assistance is requested to identify the situation and to make sure all possible needs are met. Vincentians know the parish has entrusted them with funds to help the less fortunate in our neighborhood. They take this matter very seriously and, rest assured, no basket is given without a home visit preceding it.

If any parishioner would be interested in becoming an integral part of this very giving ministry, the St. Vincent de Paul Society would embrace you with open arms, as would those we all serve.

The Living Rosary



**Circle 11 Hostesses L-R: Diane Longenecker, Kerri Tubel, Mary Yarborough, Patty Stamper, Robin Jordan
Sitting L-R: Elaine Hodges, Kelly Driscoll, Lisa Shami, Marsha Williams and Theresa Kennedy**



Marge Yarborough, Eleanor Elser, Dolores Bianco, Mamie Wilson, Norma Landers and Monica Crisp



Patty Hamper and Robin Jordan prepares refreshments



Daisy McDonald, Claretta Lamusga and Willie Blaquiere

by Claretta Lamusga

On December 6th the CKCCW ladies gathered at 5:30 p.m. in the church with Father Thanh celebrating Mass. Our choir director, Bernie Sans and the Handbell Choir provided the music of Advent.

After Mass we processed to the Parish Hall and each picked an unlit candle. The group then formed the circular shape of the rosary. This was to become *our living rosary*.

The Apostles Creed was recited by all present with the

Council president lighting her candle. As each lady took her turn to 'lead' the prayer, she would light her candle from the preceding person's candle. One by one the lighted candles caused a brighter glow throughout the room, ending with a rosary-shaped glow of candlelight. It was a beautiful and powerful service.

The hall was beautifully decorated and tables set, thanks to Circle 11 who also provided a lavish and luscious holiday repast. The food and fellowship were a happy ending to a lovely evening.

Three New Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

by Josh Porter

We have three new Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick. Norma Landers, Tito Espejo, and Laurie Plotz joined the ranks of those who carry the Blessed Sacrament to the home-bound. The people that they will visit are members of our parish who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. Their work will help the home-bound

stay in touch with our community and bring them comfort in times of adversity.

Our new Ministers will visit assisted care communities such as the Atrium located near Regency. They will form lasting bonds of friendship which will endear them to their calling. We at Christ the King salute them as we send them forth to complete God's work on Earth.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, hear this prayer
from Your child below;
Guide my thoughts, my words, my deeds;
Your Grace and Strength bestow.

Holy Spirit, send forth Your Light,
and guide me from above;
Make of me an instrument
of God's Eternal Love.
Amen.

by Kathleen Purtle

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

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Christ the King School
5th Grade Safety Patrol

Friday, April 12, 2002
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Take-Out Available!

Bocce Ball on the Baseball Field beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Come Join the FUN!



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Adult Dinner - \$5.00
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The Christmas Program That Almost Wasn't



Betty as Joseph



Audience in the Dark

by Lucille Guzzone

I arrived at the parish hall about an hour and a half earlier than the scheduled start of the program. My intention was to arrange the tables, set up the make-shift stage, and bring in the refreshments from my car. When I entered the door, I noticed that the parish hall, which serves as the school children's cafeteria during the day, was certainly not ready for visitors quite yet. The janitors were in the process of gathering trash and piling it into overflowing bins, and the wet mops were lined up in buckets ready for use.

This was not a good thing. Oh dear. I pleaded with the men to try to speed up the cleaning process, as 160 children and their parents were

about to arrive in just a few minutes for the children's religious education annual Christmas program and party. I got the assurance of the cleaning staff that they would do their best to accommodate us. Just when I thought that things were looking up, the fire alarm went off. It wasn't just a ring, ring. It was an ear piercing sound that could be heard both in Canada and Mexico.

"Oh, no," I cried. I pleaded with the men to turn it off. They looked at me as if I were daft.

"Turn what off? We don't know anything about this," they replied. I ran outside. "Find Mr. Do," I thought. There he was. Lucky me.

"Mr. Do, please do something." He gave me a polite bow and

waved to me to calm down. Calm down?? It was now close to 6:30. The program was to begin very soon, and children, teachers, and parents were beginning to arrive. I glimpsed Bernie Sans driving through the parking lot on his way to choir practice. Bernie has a remarkable academic resume. Perhaps he would be able to solve the problem.

"The priests are just finishing dinner. Go to the kitchen door and knock. They will be sure to hear you," he volunteered. I knocked quietly at the door. No answer. I then banged loudly on the window. The cook peered at me, and after I promised her that I was really who I said I was, she cracked the window and allowed me to speak. After a few moments of disappearing from view, she returned announcing that Father Thanh was aware of the problem, and that it would be fixed shortly.

Sheppard's Square was now filled with parents asking questions.

"Why can't we go in?" Some brave souls tried, but immediately exited holding their ears and gasping for breath at the unbelievable vibration of the screeching alarm. Questions were flying from every direction.

"Let's use the Kingdome." A messenger was dispatched. To no avail, a basketball game was in progress. The school building was of no use because the alarms were resounding in that building, as well, with additional flashing lights!

Well it was a rather balmy evening for December with a temperature of about 60 degrees, no rain in the forecast. What else could we ask for? It looked like we would have an outdoor theater. So after Father Thanh and I bade farewell to the firemen who arrived in fire trucks with alarms clearly blasting, we decided to hold the program outdoors. Evidently, the problem

was a continuation of what had happened during that afternoon, and even though the alarm was now turned off, we were not assured that it would not happen again. And so, without wasting any more time and with the help of some older children and adults, we set up a refreshment table and asked everyone to have a seat at the tables and face the new school building where, on the little plot of grass, the program was to begin.

Father Thanh led us in prayer, and I introduced the little children who after three weeks of practicing indoors and with a microphone, finally uttered their words and sang their songs. Those sweet little voices, of course, did not carry in the night air, but the audience did their best to strain their ears to hear as much as they could and applauded politely when the children took their bows. The chorus was more successful because the adults recognized the carols and were able to sing along. However, the clearest voice of all was that of our dear third grade teacher who at the last minute had to take the place of a boy who did not show up and had the major part of Saint Joseph. And so in her adult voice, as she and her little "Mary" kept walking across the lawn looking for "shelter," she kept repeating, "But my wife's going to have a baby, my wife's going to have a baby." Quite funny but all part of the evening's adventure.

At the close of the program it seemed as if the children really enjoyed the night air as they and their parents partook of refreshments before departing for their Christmas vacation. Well, as a former high school English teacher, I made myself feel better when I thought, "Well, if the great William Shakespeare presented his plays in an open air theater, then why couldn't we?"

Time to Repent

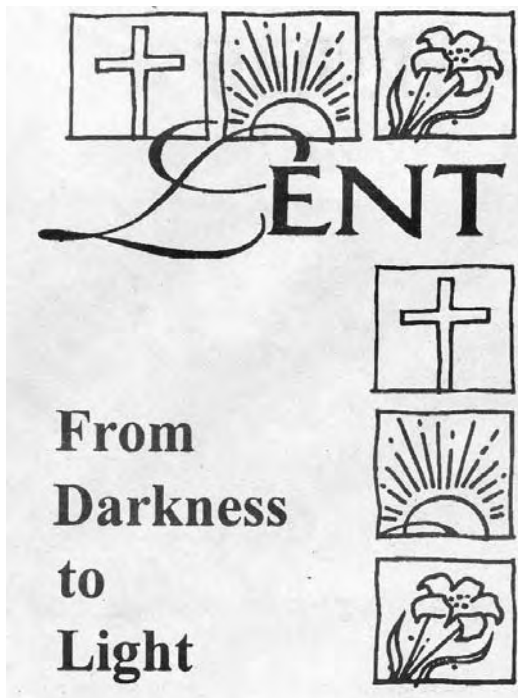
by Norine Whitaker

Put away that big box of chocolates
Never mind that second piece of cake
Too many sweets sure pack on those pounds
So do away with bad inclinations, my friend
We're saving our souls this Lent.

You may have been ugly to your neighbor
Or told some tales that were not entirely true
Are you traveling on that famous road to hell?
So do away with bad inclinations, my friend
We're saving our souls this Lent.

Did you forget to say your morning prayers?
Or failed to keep a promise to a friend
Who says that every argument needs to be won?
So do away with bad inclinations, my friend
We're saving our souls this Lent.

Do you always thank God for the blessings He sends
Or say to your, Lord, "That's not enough, I want more."
We all know that money doesn't buy happiness
So do away with bad inclinations, my friend
We're saving our souls this Lent.



by Laura Luminata

In a few short days Lent will begin anew for all Christian believers. Lent is a penitential season of six Sundays and forty weekdays in which we, as people of God, have an opportunity to look closely at our lives to see where we are going in our spiritual journey.

The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means spring or springtide. It surely seems to fit right into the heart of this season in that we are coming from the darkness of winter into the light of spring. In winter everything appears to be dormant but that only appears to be so on the surface while underneath the roots, bulbs and soil are undergoing great transformation in order to prepare for the first signs of spring.

By now we all know the outward rules for the Lenten season. We, Catholics, do not eat meat on the six Fridays of Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. And, I suppose, one could get by and still be a practicing Catholic in good standing if one only followed the obligatory rules of Lent. We could also throw in giving up candy or our favorite dessert or even watching TV if we were so inclined. But for the mature Christian Lent goes far deeper than keeping a few rules or giving up a favorite pleasure for six weeks.

It is a time to really look deep into ourselves and see where we are going in our spiritual journey. It is a time to fully realize what a great gift, the death and resurrection of Jesus, has been to us. Because of the cross we have access to God and heaven. Jesus is the bridge that made it all possible. But where do we fit in here? What is our responsibility or better said, "what am I willing to do to grow closer to

my Lord?" You alone know that answer.

Lent gives us the perfect opportunity to explore those questions. Just as Jesus died for us, we too, must die to the old ways of our life. Many of the things we do or do not do are not sinful in themselves but our attitudes are just a little off. No one else might notice, but you know. How many times have you had an opportunity to do a kind deed or say a kind word but failed to do so because it was inconvenient or there was not enough time. How many times have you failed to admit you were wrong or acknowledge that the other person was correct because of your false pride?

A transformation of heart is what we are looking for during this Lenten time. God loves us unconditionally. Do you really let God into your heart unconditionally or do you let Him into your heart but only on your terms? Do you withhold a part of yourself with family, friends, or even God? Only you can answer those questions.

Remember we are not seeking perfection here but we are certainly looking for signs of progress. How do you do this? There is no magical formula or book that gives detailed instructions. It must come from deep within our soul. A good place to start is to find a quiet place such as the chapel or a place in your home where you and the Father are alone. Open yourself to having God change what needs to be changed; be willing to seek Him in all areas of your life. God will never fail you.

If you truly reach up to your heavenly Father and reach out openly to your fellow man you will find that those seeds of transformation have rooted and brought forth a truly loving joyful person. YOU!

Organist Rita Ebbs



by Frank Becht

Rita Allen Ebbs was born in New York City but her family brought her to Jacksonville at age seven for health reasons. Her father worked for The Clyde Mallory Steamship Lines that traveled the east coast from New York to Jacksonville. She and her family lived in the Riverside area where she attended St. Paul's Catholic School from grade school through high school.

After graduation from St. Paul's in 1933, she went to work for Central Truck Lines where she worked for 12 years. During high school, she met Hubert "Charles" Ebbs from Fruitland, Florida. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor he was in the United States Navy stationed at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Solace as a senior engineer. When "Charles" returned to the United States in 1943, Rita met him in Baltimore, where they were married. From this time on in her life, she became a traveling woman following her husband from port to port.

Rita Ebbs first learned to play the piano and organ from Sister Placida at St. Paul's in grade school where she played for the children's choir (St. Cecelia's Music Club). During her years at St. Paul's, she played the piano and organ for many school and church programs, including "The Music Box," "The Songs of the Hatchett," "Father of Liberty" and many others. By this time, she had become an accomplished pianist and organist.

During her traveling about with her husband, she spent several years at St. John's Parish, White Plains, New York where she played the organ and piano and participated in the presentation of "That's Peggy O'Neill."

Rita Ebbs was also very involved during most of her life in

organizations serving others; one such was the Catholic Professional Women's USO program during World War II. At Christ the King she was active in Christ the King Council of Catholic Women (CKCCW) and the Catholic Women's Club. She was very athletic, bowling in many leagues across the country including Christ the King. She is still an avid tennis player.

In 1963, Rita and "Charles" finally moved back to Jacksonville and bought a house at 863 Acapulco Road (Holiday Hill). Rita immediately volunteered her services to Father Larkin and was asked to help Mrs. Hodges, the first and only organist to this time. Shortly after she became the sole organist she was faced with playing at more Masses, funerals and functions than was possible. This wasn't easy for she had two young children, a son, Donald, and a daughter, Katherine. This was complicated by a Merchant Marine husband who was aboard ship much of the time.

Rita Ebbs played the organ during the pastorships of Father Thomas Larkin, now retired Bishop Larkin, Monsignor John Lenihan and Monsignor Mortimer Danaher. During this period of time, she also worked very closely with Sister Enda and Isabelle Fusco.

She remembers Christ the King as being a challenging place to work for things weren't so "organized" then. Many older church members remember her efforts well and appreciate this very talented and dedicated volunteer.

Rita Ebbs has been an example not always so easy to emulate. She has contributed greatly to the development of Christ the King. Rita, we are proud to have you as one of us. Thank you for your efforts!

Liturgical Workshop



Father Tom Willis



Father Thanh



Bernie Sans

by Kathy Daniels

Here it is early Saturday morning and I am up picking up donuts at 8:00 a.m. and taking them to the church. Why? Because a workshop is being held in the church for all the Liturgical Ministers. You might ask, "Who are

the Liturgical Ministers?" They are the extraordinary ministers of Holy Eucharistic lectors, and ushers, musicians, sacristans, decorators and planners. My husband Rich and I are the co-ordinators for the Eucharistic Ministers and we volunteered to pick up the donuts and make coffee during the break.

After we arrived at the church, we dropped the donuts off at the Shirley David Hall and went into the church to see if anything needed to be done there. We set up a table in front of the center doors for people to sign-in. There were a great number of people attending from the different ministries.

We started the workshop with Morning Prayers. This was a truly spiritual time for us. It seemed to set the tone for the rest of the morning. The presenter of the

workshop, Father Tom Willis, was able to give us an insight into the workings of the church and how the Liturgy grew to be what it is today. He used some pretty straight talk with a little humor thrown in. Everyone was totally caught up in what he was saying. We thoroughly enjoyed the time spent there.

Father Willis, thank you for coming to Christ the King and sharing with us. May God bless you and we hope you will come back again.

F.Y.I. Father Tom Willis

by Lucille Guzzone

It's amazing what one learns about a person who is giving a three hour workshop on a rather serious subject.

Did you know that Father Tom Willis:

- * Remembers a special teacher in grade school, Sister Ignatious Loyola, who taught him that the most spiritual prayer was the one before the Crucifix.
- * That he attended Notre Dame, and can still quote one of his professors.
- * That, as a visiting priest, he was hugged by a very enthusiastic greeter half way up the

church's front entrance steps.

- * That, as a visiting priest, he was chided by a parishioner who claimed that Father's Mass was over 35 minutes long, causing the man to miss his tee time.
- * That he is an ardent Jaguar fan and can sing songs that are played in the stadium during TV commercials .
- * And that he is the pastor, not of the Holy Redeemer Church, but the Church of the MOST Holy Redeemer.

Father Tom Willis' success as a teacher lies not only in his knowledge of his subject matter, but in his own delightful personality!!!

St. Valentine's Day Wish

Our world is filled with sorrow and grief,
with war and hate and strife;
It's time to put some loving thoughts
back into our way of life.

As we give our Valentine cards this year
to colleagues and to friends,
Remember the thoughtful wishes and words
each Valentine greeting sends.

On this coming St. Valentine's Day,
and through the rest of the year,
May the Lord bestow His Blessings on you
and all whom you hold dear.

— Kathleen L. Purtle

Our Living Liturgy

by Mary Alice Callahan

On a recent Saturday in January the liturgical ministers of Christ the King participated in a workshop on our Liturgy, past, present, and the future. Father Thomas Willis, the pastor of the Most Holy Redeemer Church was the presenter. Father Thanh, our pastor, introduced him stating that the vision of our parish is to help others experience Christ in their lives. One of the ways this is accomplished is making the Liturgy of the Mass more meaningful to all of us who sit in these pews on Sunday morning.

It was interesting to learn that the Liturgy in the Catholic Church has never been stagnant but vital and alive. If you were to go back and study the history of the Church, it would be clear that the Liturgy reflected the times. It is important to understand however, the basic core of beliefs does not change; it is only the manner in which it is presented that does.

The Second Vatican Council had a vision for the direction in which the Church should be moving. One of the ways this could be accomplished was to celebrate the Mass in the language of the people. In the 1940's and 50's many people did not have a clue as to what was going on at the altar. The priest faced the altar and the Mass was in Latin. What did the people do? There were three options: say the Stations of the Cross, focus on a devotion to a Saint, or, and the most popular, say the Rosary. Very few people were actually involved in the liturgy of the Mass.

The Second Vatican Council wanted the people to know the difference between *liturgy* and *devotion*. The *liturgy* is the public prayer of the Church while *devotions* are private and individualized. The law of the Church does not govern devotions in the same manner it does liturgy.

Beginning in 1969, the Mass was to be said in the vernacular (the language of the people). It was also at this time the priests first began to face the congregation during Mass and lay people did the scripture readings. We take this all for granted now but in the late 60's and early 70's this was an enormous change.

Do we as parishioners make others feel welcome and aware they are going to participate in something very special — the Mass?

Liturgy consists of two very important parts and two lesser ones. Those that are major are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The minor ones are the Introductory and the Concluding Rites.

When does the Liturgy begin? Surprisingly enough, Father said it



Father Tom Willis

begins in the parking lot. Do we as parishioners make others feel welcome and aware they are going to participate in something very special — the Mass?

Are my smiles reserved for only those I know or know about? We need look only at Jesus as the example. He went to the outcasts of society and welcomed them. Do others see Christ in us? Do we bring Christ to those who appear "unworthy"? It is something to reflect upon and act accordingly. All of us are charged to be ministers of hospitality in our own way.

After the Introductory Rite and the singing of the Gloria we are now prepared for the first reading. This is very significant in that in these readings God is speaking to us. The lectors are charged to study and be familiar with the epistles. They are to speak slowly so that God's words flow from the reader's lips into the ears of the assembly. There should be a time of silence between the readings as it is here that the Holy Spirit may seep into the heart of the receiver. Each of us responds in our own way, but it takes time to reflect on what God is saying to us.

The story of Christ is read at the Gospel and so the congregation stands to show Christ has been raised from the dead and these words of Christ will also raise us. Candles and incense may accompany the book of the Gospel, as this is Christ present among us.

When the priest delivers the homily we are nearing the end of the Liturgy of the Word which reaches its conclusion with the general intercessions. Father Willis clearly said the next phase of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, should flow easily from the intercession into the presentation of the gifts.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins when we present to God the fruits of our labor. This collection should be presented at the same time as the bread and wine is brought up to the altar. These are our gifts and should remain in the sanctuary. And what does God give back to us? He gives us the greatest gift of all — His own Son. The priest takes our gifts and blesses them in the Eucharistic prayers. The prayers the priest says are what was said at the Last Supper. They are to be found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and in Corinthians. This action is done in ritualistic form. Our action in response is how we decide to take this gift out into the world. It is intimately linked to what we do at Communion.

This is the peace the world cannot give. This is the peace of salvation, the embrace of Christ on the cross

It is now time to pray the Our Father. It was Pope Gregory, an early liturgical reformer who placed the "Our Father" in our liturgy as immediate preparation for the reception of the Eucharist. We pray together as an assembly, acknowledging our dependence on God in our lives. The Sign of Peace follows the prayer and it is important to understand the significance. This is the peace the world cannot give. This is the peace of salvation, the embrace of Christ on the cross. Peace is how we deal with one another in right relationships.

The Eucharistic ministers have joined the priest on the altar, the Communion is ready, and the assembly is now called to the Table of the Lord. Sometime in the future the Communion will be distributed at the front of the Church as this is where the Altar of the Lord is located. While waiting to receive, the assembly should be in unison singing a hymn, which further enhances this special moment.

What we sing and how we sing affects what we do. Father stressed very heavily that the music which accompanies the Mass is as much a prayer as formal prayers in the Missal.

There is ongoing discussion within the Church as to the posture of the assembly at Communion time. In this country we kneel at Communion, for the most part, even though there are others who are still processing to the altar waiting to receive. As an aside, Father Willis said the reason pews were first installed in Catholic Churches in America was so they would look like Protestant churches and thus would avoid being burned down. At some juncture it might be determined everyone will stand during this time as a sign of unison. No final decision by the bishops of the church has been made as yet.

After the Communion when all have received and time has been given for private prayer we arrive at the Concluding Rite which is the final blessing by the priest and the dismissal. We have just been nourished by the reception of the Eucharist and as Catholics we are charged to go out and be models of what we profess to believe when we receive Christ within us. That blessing is the final charge to continue this work outside. We are to be the Eucharistic action in the world.

As you can see, our Church is a living, vital, breathing organism and, therefore, changes in our Church will continue to be made, NOT our beliefs, but styles will come and go. The bishops of our Church are working on ways to make our Mass more meaningful to us for the time we are now living. The people of Christ the King may rest assured your pastor and priests will inform you of any changes long before they take effect. Christ the King is here for you.

Teen Angels Midnight Mass 2001



Susan Gossholz, Denise Myers, Martha Coyle
Catherine Bekkedal, Ashley Wilson, Michelle Myers
Pam De Sara, Brandy Tyndall, Jennifer Semper
Bruno Vassallo, Rebecca Coyle, Bethany Pevy

Wildest Dream

by Father Terry Morgan

Two weeks ago, I had never met Mike Stumpf. Now I have a meeting with him set for the Sunday after Christmas... 2026. Mike is as normal a 27-year-old young man as you'd ever want to meet. (My cousin Jackie says he's "sooo cute," whatever that means!) Born and raised in suburban Pittsburgh, he went to Catholic grade school and Catholic high school and got his college degree and then... answered the Lord's call. Father Michael Stumpf was ordained a priest last May, and now serves at Assumption parish, Bellview Pennsylvania.

Therein is the connection. Assumption parish, was where I was baptized. It was where my dad

and his siblings went to school. He was an altar server for the dedication of the "new" Assumption church, in 1931. Assumption parish, Bellview, is where I got my faith. It's "roots" for me. I had returned to Assumption to finish off my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood. My godparents - my dad's sister and her husband - still live in the parish, as do scads of other relatives who were not able to make any of our celebrations in Florida. It was back to beginnings in more ways than I could imagine. The pastor at Assumption had asked Father Mike to "hold my hand" and get me started at Mass, but I could tell as he was leading me to the vestment cabinet that he really did want to be out on that altar with me. "That would be great," I said.



Father Terry Morgan with retired Bishop John Snyder at Fathers's installation as Rector of Cathedral of Saint Augustine

"And, Terry, you don't have a homily prepared, do you?" he asked. I knew what was coming next. This was Mike's first Feast of the Holy Family. And Michael was so grateful for his own family. And this would be his first chance to brag, on the altar. Of course, I let him do the honors. He was the principal celebrant. He was full of energy and enthusiasm and, yes, devotion. And, of course, he reminded me of me twenty-five years before, at my own first celebration of the feast of the Holy Family as a priest.

"In my wildest dreams," he said, "I never imagined that I would be up in front of you, saying Mass, preaching. But God's dreams are so much more imaginative than ours!" It was so encouraging to see someone still tuned in to the

dreams, to the wildest of dreams, that God gave him, just an ordinary fellow. And it gave me hope that in our ordinary little parish in our ordinary little town, there were other Michaels (and Johns and Tims) who were being gifted with this "Wildest Dream." (And... that there were quite ordinary Elizabeths and Kims being gifted with the dream of Church service as a consecrated religious.). The church calendar may call this Vocations Awareness Sunday, but we know better. It is Your Wildest Dreams Sunday. Let's never stop praying, and encouraging, our young people to follow those dreams and answer our Lord's call.

My appointment with Mike will be in 2026? It will be to celebrate his Twenty-Fifth Jubilee, and, God willing, my own fiftieth!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

From Catholic Teaching
verse by Kathy Purtle

- I. *Jesus Is Condemned To Death*
Resented By Scribes and Pharisees,
Condemned to die at thirty-three.
- II. *Jesus Carries the Cross*
Beaten and bleeding, crowned with thorns;
Upon His Shoulder the Cross was borne.
- III. *Jesus Falls The First Time*
Struck and kicked by the Jews in their wrath,
He stumbled and fell on the rocks in His path.
- IV. *Jesus Meets His Mother*
He saw His Mother standing there;
Her grief and sorrow were hard to bear.
- V. *Simon Helps Jesus To Carry The Cross*
So weak and nearly unable to stand,
From Simon He got a helping hand.
- VI. *Veronica Wipes The Face Of Jesus*
Veronica wiped His Face with her veil,
And a picture remained in sharpest detail.
- VII. *Jesus Falls The Second Time*
The heavy Cross was pulling Him down;
He fell once more upon the ground.
- VIII. *Jesus Consoles The Women Of Jerusalem*
He told the women not to cry,
As He climbed the hill on His way to die.
- IX. *Jesus Falls The Third Time*
His tortured Body was filled with pain;
Weak and weary, He fell again.
- X. *Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garments*
Garments stripped, bleeding anew;
Insulted, abused by Romans And Jews.
- XI. *Jesus Is Nailed To the Cross*
Nailed to the Cross and raised on the hill;
Surrendered Himself to The Father's Will.
- XII. *Jesus Dies On The Cross.*
Offered His Soul to His Father above,
And gave His Life as a Sign of His Love.
- XIII. *Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross*
Removed from the Cross and lowered with care
To the arms of His Mother, waiting there.
- XIV. *Jesus Is Laid in the Sepulcher*
Wrapped in linen and laid in a tomb,
This Blessed Fruit of Mary's womb.

Give Up What?!

by Ron Lynch

The season of Lent is just about here. Most of us follow the Catholic tradition of giving up something for these forty days as a sacrifice. This makes us more worthy of our redemption by Christ's sacrifice on the cross and prepares us for the celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

When people are asked or they volunteer what they will "give up" for Lent, many of the answers are well known. Children often give up sodas, cookies, ice cream, or pizza. Some of them are even more specific, such as: Hershey bars, Breyers ice cream, Coca-Cola, or chocolate. Then there are the sensory input sacrifices: television (or a certain program), talking on the phone with friends, video games, listening to music, using the computer only for homework. All are worthy sacrifices. Even more interesting are the young people who want to give up cracking their knuckles, being "mean" to their siblings and to others or being lazy about helping with housework at home. These last three, if really sacrificed, show the promise of true

change in character, especially if continued beyond Lent.

Ask an adult what they are "giving up" for Lent and the answers may be: dessert, staying up late, beer, soap operas, chicken wings, rental movies, chocolate, wine, second helpings, driving fast, being late, and others that we are familiar with.

Then there are those sacrifices that carry the possibility of changing our lives if we can stick with them beyond Easter Sunday. Some things that have been given up during Lent are: being lazy, destructive gambling, losing one's temper, pessimism, overeating, neglect of all kinds. Imagine the positive benefits in one's life if an honest attempt made during Lent resulted in the defeat of a destructive behavior. It would be a benefit that lasts beyond Easter Sunday and a real celebration of Christ's love for us.

We all know that any sacrifice is pleasing to God. Small sacrifices as well as large ones earn us grace in the eyes of the Lord. It was just a thought, though, that while performing our Lenten duty, we could be improving our lives at the same time.

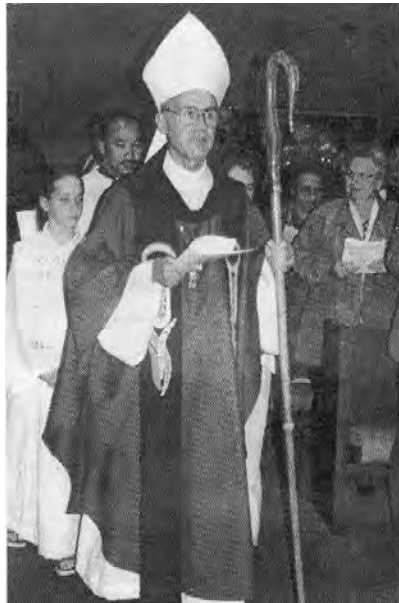
Installation Celebration



Bishop Galeone installs Father Thanh



Father Thanh, Brother Hung, Sister-in-law Binh



Bishop Galeone leads the procession



Father Thanh accepts his new title



Father Thanh at the reception



Vietnamese Choir



Father Thanh and parishioners enjoy reception

Eli Shami Ordained Deacon



Elias and Diane Shami

by Frank Becht

Elias "Eli" Shami, was born in Palestine, the oldest of eleven brothers and sisters. He came to the United States in 1957 to Brooklyn, New York. Eli was born into the Latin rite and was educated at St. Joseph's School, Jaffa, Palestine, which he attended from grade school through college. He was a member of the Latin Rite church, St. Antoine in Jaffa. For a short time during his attendance at St. Joseph's, about the age of 12, he felt he wanted to become a priest so he attended a Petrarch seminary in Bethlehem, after which he returned to St. Joseph's.

For 6 years after graduation from St. Joseph's, he taught French and Arabic at a Benedictine school in Tripoli, Lebanon. He then worked for Qatar Petroleum Company in Persia as a security officer for five years.

Concern for family life and hopes for improving their life caused the family to immigrate to the United States. First, two brothers and one sister, all single, came to Brooklyn, New York. About two years later, after much paper work and with the help of Congressman Francis Dorn, his parents and seven more siblings were able to immigrate to the United States. They all settled in Brooklyn. Brother Tony was the first to come to Jacksonville, followed by their parents, Kahalil and Shafouka; shortly after Eli and his wife, Diane, followed. Eventually all of the Shami's came to Jacksonville except one sister who is in New Jersey.

Diane, Eli's wife, was born in Brooklyn, New York and was baptized in the Melkite Rite, one of the 22 rites within our universal Catholic Church.

Eli and Diane were married, October 18, 1959 at the Virgin of Mary Melkite Church in Brooklyn. They came to Jacksonville in 1973 and resided at 1414 Townsend Blvd where they lived for 26 years as members of Christ the King Church until they moved to Heatherley Oaks Lane in North Jacksonville, two years ago. Eli first worked for

A&P as a store manager for a year but has since worked for Publix Supermarkets. Diane has worked for J C Penney's for twenty-three years. They have a beautiful family of four children, Donna, Kahalil, Michelle and Paul who are all married with eight grandchildren and all live in Jacksonville.

Eli was immediately a very active member of Christ the King Church. He became a Eucharistic minister shortly after institution of the ministry in the parish under Monsignor John Lenihan. For years he was a Bingo caller, but hated it. He was the Wedding Co-ordinator for the parish for four years and handled baptismal instruction until Deacon Dave MacNamara was appointed by Monsignor Mortimer Danaher. For seven years, he was the CCD Director for the parish and has continued as CCD Chaplain when Lucille Guzzone took over the ministry. He has also been involved in the Knights of Columbus for thirty-five years. He and Diane have been members of the adult choir since it was formed even before Music Director, Dr. Bernie Sans.

Even with his involvement in his faith and the church he never lost the dream that he had as a twelve year old boy in Palestine when he went into the seminary for a short while. In Jacksonville, he became very involved in the Lebanese Community and his Lebanese friends knowing of his dream, encouraged him to apply to the Maronite Community to become a Deacon. Upon discussing this with Bishop John Snyder, he learned that the Diocese of St. Augustine had no program for diaconate, as other Florida dioceses, Bishop Snyder readily granted permission for his application to the Maronite Rite. He was quickly accepted by the Monsignor in charge in Miami. He studied for a short while and was ordained at Christ the King to the sub-diaconate, August 17, 1996. Since that time he has been studying diligently on his own under the guidance of his pastor, Father Elie Abin Chedid. At St. Maron's he has participated in the ceremonies and Masses in both English and Arabic, learning and becoming more comfortable in the



Bishop Stephen Hector Doueihi, Saint Maron Eparchy of Brooklyn, presiding Bishop, celebrating Holy Mass



Bishop Doueihi, Father Elie Chedid, imposition of hands on Deacon Elias Shami



Deacon Elias Shami preparing to distribute Communion

language, for he had not spoken Arabic for many years. Eli was very instrumental in the St. Maron's Church community being established and the building of the church.

DREAMS COME TRUE

Eli's dream is coming true, as he relates, "As a child I acted like a child but wanted to be a priest. I am as close to having my dream come true as possible."

On February 2, 2002, Elias Shami was ordained to Deacon by the Maronite Bishop, the Most Reverend Stephen Hector Doueihi of Eparchy of St. Maron's Church in Brooklyn here in Jacksonville at St. Maron's Church on Bowden Road.

We can still expect to see Eli and Diane involved in Christ the

King for St. Maron's is currently a very small Maronite community of 120 families; probably only 59 families are closely involved with others attending Latin Rite Churches. Sunday Masses are 9:00 A.M. in English and 11:15 A.M. in Arabic and English.

Eli is a dedicated and hard worker, as is evidenced by his involvement in the Parish. But don't give him all the credit for he has a beautiful, hard working wife who pushes him and supports him one hundred percent.

Eli, we are lucky to have you as one of us for you have contributed much to Christ the King. Congratulations on being elevated to this lofty position and best wishes!



Saint Maron's Church

by Father Elie Abi Chedid, Pastor
 St. Maron's Church, Jacksonville
*Taken from the welcome handout
 from St. Maron's Church, used with
 permission.*

The Maronite Rite is one of 22 rites within the one universal Catholic Church. A rite is a community of faith having a distinct tradition, theology, spirituality, liturgy, hierarchy, and canon law. At the same time, each rite enjoys an autonomy and independence from its sister churches. All of the rites are united in the same profession of faith, in the same celebration of the Sacraments, and in the same hierarchal unity. The different rites evolved from five centers of Christianity where the apostles preached – Antioch, Alexandria, Constantinople, Rome and Jerusalem.

The Maronite Rite evolved from the Antiochene tradition. The first Maronites were direct descendants of the people who had received the faith from Saint Peter the Head of the Apostles. They originated as an ecclesiastical grouping of the Christians who assembled around the hermit monk Maron about the year 400 A.D. on the mountain slopes of Cyr, near Antioch. Born in the late Fourth Century, he became a priest and

then a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch above the banks of the Orontes River. Maron's life was one of piety and dedication to the simple life of prayer and meditation; his holiness attracted many persons to join him and to convert others to Christianity through the spreading of the Gospel.

He converted an old pagan temple along the Orontes river into a monastery. Here, many disciples gathered around him and followed his rule. Some became monks and hermits themselves, while others spread the teachings of Christ, as missionaries, through Central and North Syria. Much of the details of the life of St. Maron have been lost, but it is known that he performed many miracles of healing, as attested by his historian, Theodoret, the Bishop of Cyr. After Maron's death in the year 410 A.D., his disciples saved his remains and in spite of strong persecution, his tomb became a place of religious pilgrimage. St. John Maron, the first Patriarch of the Maronite people, was a monk of the monastery of St. Maron, who was elected by the religious community to secure the Apostolic succession to the See of Antioch. Accordingly, the Maronite Patriarchate was initiated by the election of John Maron in 686 A.D. and has continued, since his death to the present time. There have been a

The Maronite Catholic Church



Bishop Doueih, imposition of Holy Spirit on Deacon Elias Shami



Father Elie Chedid introducing Deacon Elias Shami to the Congregation and the World

total of 72 Patriarchs to the present successor, Mar Nasrallah Boutros Sfair, Patriarch of Antioch and the Entire East. Late in the Seventh Century, due to religious persecution and heresy, the Maronite monks became obliged to seek refuge in Lebanon, where St. Maron's relics were transferred to the Patriarchal residence in Kafarhai. In the year 1130, they were removed to Foligno, Italy, and placed in the Cathedral there.

The Maronite Rite was brought to the United States in the early 1900's with the immigration of many Maronites from Lebanon. The Maronites of the U.S.A. became an Exarchate in 1965, and in 1971 the Diocese of St. Maron was established with the See in Brooklyn. In the year 1995, the Diocese (Eparchy) of Our Lady of Lebanon was established with its See in Los Angeles. There are over 54 Maronite parishes and several missions in the United States.

The Maronite Church professes the same faith and beliefs of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. It also administers the seven Sacraments instituted by Christ, and obeys all the rules and ordinances issued by our Holy Father, the Pope, the successor of Saint Peter in the Vatican. The only difference between the Maronite Church and the Roman Church consists only of traditional particularity. The liturgy, itself, is

known as the Syriac liturgy of Antioch, ascribed to St. James the Less, "brother of the Lord," Apostle and first Bishop of Jerusalem. The ritual formulation expresses the spirit of Eastern monasticism. The liturgical language used in the Maronite Mass is Syriac-Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ. Incense is used during the Liturgy to signify that our prayers go heavenward to God as the sweet-smelling smoke of incense rises. This Rite is the only one in which the words of consecration are traditionally chanted in Aramaic, the same language our Lord spoke at the First Mass of the Last Supper. Before communion, the Celebrant touches the Holy Mysteries (Eucharist) and blesses the people signifying that the remission of sins is bestowed upon us through the Sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Communion is received by the faithful in the mouth, after the priest dips the Host in the chalice. This is the only form prescribed for reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Maronite Rite. Maronites cultivate profound adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, seeing in the Holy Eucharist the Risen Christ who sent to us the Sanctifying Spirit. They are also deeply devoted to Mary, The Mother of the Light, hailing her strength and fidelity in the title of "Cedar of Lebanon."



THE RED SATIN BOX

by Willie Blaquiere

The shape of a heart, so lovely to see,
 Guarding sweet treasure, it beckons to me.
 Saint Valentine's day is near,
 Time to honor those we hold so dear.

Sitting on the counter, waiting to be sold,
 Dare I be so bold.
 Pennies, dimes and nickels, savings of a year,
 Given up without a tear.
 My mother will love this gift from me,
 The smallest limb on the family tree.

Secret in my room until the special day,
 I am very proud to show my love in this way.

Cherries, vanillas and caramels, I favor,
 the covered nuts all have a different flavor.
 Milk chocolates are a dream,
 strawberry creams, fit for a queen.
 I put them all to the test,
 they are truly the very best.

Happy Saint Valentine's Day Mom
 I hope you like The Red Satin Box.





Epiphany



GERMAN VIETNAMESE ITALIAN POLISH IRISH

by Eileen Porter

Christ The King Parish celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord in a special way this year. In keeping with the theme of The Three Kings coming from various lands, it was decided to make it an International Day and to celebrate the ethnic diversity of our parish.

The celebration began with the noon Mass following a delightful musical interlude by our bell ringers. The Priest and ministers processed into the church with colorful streamers to the music of "We Three Kings." Our Pastor, Father Thanh Thai Nguyen was chief celebrant with Father Guy Noonan and Father Neil Carr concelebrating. Deacon Dung Bui also participated in the Liturgy.

Carrying out the International theme, the first reading was

proclaimed in Spanish by Rosa Townsend, the second reading was proclaimed in Arabic by Raymond Saliba, and Father Guy Noonan proclaimed the Holy Gospel in French.

When Father Thanh came to the podium to deliver the homily he announced that it would be in "Vietnamese-Boston" accented English.

In his homily, Father Thanh remarked that we are all part of a large caravan, and all reflect the image of God, even though because of our diversity and different traditions we may seem to be different, we are all members of the Body of Christ. Father Thanh continued "we need each others' values on our common journey." He thanked the parishioners for their consolation following the death of his father and for the

Celebration



PHILIPPINE
GREEK
ARABIC
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SPANISH

encouragement they have provided for his ministry.

The Prayers of the Faithful were presented in seven languages. Some of the presenters wore the dress of the countries of their origin.

During the presentation of the Gifts, the Vietnamese choir sang. Many of their members were in native dress and it was a beautiful and moving interlude.

Father Thanh chanted the Eucharist Prayer, accompanied by our choir which was followed by The Lord's Prayer sung in Latin.

The entire Liturgy was beautiful and we thank all those who made it possible, especially Bernie Sans and the music ministry.

Following Mass, everyone was invited to come and share in an International dinner in the parish hall. Parish Council President,

Mike Mackin, and the members of the council were responsible for this part of our celebration and they did an outstanding job. It was well organized and everything came together so beautifully that there had to have been many hours of preparation involved.

There were dozens of different nationalities represented in the wonderful array of food. Eggrolls from our Vietnamese community, cabbage rolls from our Polish friends and Italian pasta, Irish stew, German sauerkraut and hot potato salad, deep fried turkey, trifle ... you name it, someone made it. There were Spanish, Greek, Arabic, and Philippine foods as well. Our French speaking, Irish priest, Father Guy made a wonderful Italian pasta. The dinner was really a gourmet's delight.

The day was such a wonderful success that we are planning on it as an annual event.

MINISTRIES



Coordinator of Volunteer Services

If you would like to volunteer your Time, Talent, & Treasure but are not sure what you would like to do or maybe you're in a ministry but it's not the one you want, call Al Martin, 744-4302.

LITURGY

Altar Server Ministry

Interested youth 5th grade or older and who have received First Holy Communion. Once trained, they are entered into a rotating schedule for the Masses. Contact Page Peeler, 724-4849.

Eucharistic Ministers

Assisting the clergy in the distribution of Holy Communion either during Mass or by bringing the Eucharist to the homebound or hospitalized. Candidates are chosen by the Pastor as recommended by the priests and staff members of the parish. Kathy and Richard Daniels, coordinators, 743-9441.

Gift Bearers

Families, Individuals or Parish Ministries who want to bring the gifts to the altar during Mass, call Kathy Weedon, 221-5468.

Lector Ministry

A Lector does the readings and the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. If you would like to be a reader, call Lucille Guzzone, 724-9617.

Music Ministry

Any individual who has a talent with music or can play an instrument or just interested in the Singing Choir, Handbell Choir, Funeral Choir, or being a Cantor for Mass, call Bernie, 724-0080.

Sacristans

We help prepare for the celebration of Mass. For more information on how you can be a Sacristan, call Nick Debs, 744-8749.

HOSPITALITY

Mass Greeters

Welcome all who come to Mass. This team may offer the only contact many parishioners have in our faith community. Great opportunity for adults and families. Contact the chief usher at the Mass you are attending for more information.

Ushers

Men and women who commit to attend the same Mass every week. They are requested to wear a navy blue jacket and to assist the celebrant as needed. Howard Sell, 744-5937.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Altar Society

Individuals who care for the vessels, vestments and linens used in the Liturgies. Debbie Scobie, 723-3977.

Beautification Committee

Individuals and families who want to beautify the church grounds. Meet the third Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. - noon, in the church parking lot by the fountain. Come join us in beautifying His yard. Terry Riggs, 762-0703.

Religious Articles Gift Shop

Volunteers staff the gift shop before and after Sunday Masses and the Wednesday Marian Mass. Maureen McCook, 642-2725.

Seasonal Church Decorating

Decorating the church and Gathering Area, during different seasons of the Church. Contact Terri Vogelsang, 744-6310, for information on how you can help.

Sunday Childcare

For 8:30 & 10:00 Masses
Christ the King Childcare for your 1-4 year-old child in the Child Care Center. Free of charge. Call Marsha Williams, 221-4459, or Donna Iglesias, 725-0680, to help or for more information.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Daily Adoration

We need people who are willing to sign up for one hour a week so that someone is praying all during the day. Adoration is in the sacred Heart Chapel, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call Claretta Lamusga, 743-9998 or Betty Wheeler, 724-9662.

Nocturnal Adoration

Held on the first Friday of each month from 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. There are eight groups who rotate their hour each month. If you would like to join us in this prayer ministry, call Paul Ghiotto, 727-5040.

Prayer Network

One of our most rewarding ministries - praying for others in need - spiritual, health related, and other. Call Donnell Baer, 743-6174.

ORGANIZATIONS

Christ the King Council of Catholic Women (CKCCW)

Our board meets monthly, September-June, to guide our seven circles who meet at various times during the month. Our General meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome new members. Daisy McDonald, 646-0902.

Christ the King Courier

Interested in publishing a newspaper? We need proofreaders, reporters, photographers, etc. We meet Wednesdays in the rectory at 7 a.m. Judy, 724-0080.

Widows/Widowers Support

For those who have lost loved ones. Contact Isabelle Pasco, 724-5186, for information or read your bulletin for the next meeting date, place, and time.

Hispanic Ministry

We wish to develop a parish ministry to worship and meet the spiritual and social needs of the growing Hispanic population at Christ the King. We meet every Monday at 7 p.m. for Bible study in The House of Prayer. If interested call Rosa Townsend, 744-9231.

Landings

Works with Catholics who have been away from the Church for a period of time and wish to return. Contact Larry McKay, 220-5843 or Judy Meade, 220-2244.

The Legion of Mary

Men and women who offer their services to their pastor, to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. Members may be active or auxiliary (praying). Weekly meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Michael Mackin, 744-6659.

M.O.M.S. Ministry

Ministry of Mothers Sharing, is designed to encourage prayer, discussions, and friendships between women of all ages. Carol Ann Black, 221-2642.

Parish Council

The Parish Council is a consultative body that the pastor can pray and reflect with, and ask for assistance to guide in the overall care/ministry of the Parish and the enhancement of its mission. Meeting are the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Call Mike Mackin, 744-6659. It is made up of representatives (President, Chairperson or Facilitator) from each ministry in the Parish, as well as representatives from the Finance Council, Christ the King School, Christ the King Daycare, Athletic Association, Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, Sponsor Couples, and Wedding Coordinator. Elections are held every two years to elect a President, vice-president, secretary-recording, and secretary-clerical from the body of representatives.

Queens and Kings

Our lively senior citizens socialize on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30-4 p.m., September through June. Do come to enjoy! Call Jane Pedein, 632-9758.

Respect Life

We are a ministry wishing to make a difference in people's lives by supporting the Saint Gerard House, Project Rachel, Respect Life Pilgrimage, and the Diocesan Respect Life Program. Sign up at the Time and Talent Fair, or contact Mike Maroney, 743-9227.

Single and Single Again

Alone? Join us! We're the Single and Single Again Support Group, meeting new friends and enjoying social activities. We meet Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the Shirley David Hall. Call Katie, 745-1287 or David, 384-2449, or read your parish bulletin to get the latest calendar of events.

Sponsor Couples

Married couples needed to help engaged couples discern if marriage is for them. Jim/Mary Ann Middleton, 743-3953, for further information.

ST. VINCENT dePAUL PROGRAMS

St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Assistance

We need volunteers to work in the St. Vincent de Paul office in the rectory, providing referrals, and assisting people who need immediate help. Hours are from 10 a.m. - noon, Monday through Friday. Call 724-8442.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We were founded by people who care about the problems of those around them. We care and would like you to share the care with us. For information on how to become a Vincentian, call 807-7233, ext #1, and leave a message.

Young Vincentians

Newly formed group for teens who want to make a difference. For information on meeting times, call Robert at 398-1961.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADULTS

Faith Sharing Small Groups

Small groups of people meeting in private homes to discuss the Sunday readings and sharing how these readings relate to our daily lives. Contact Alick Hardie, 721-9188.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Preparing people to enter the Catholic Church through an inquiry and catechetical process. Call James Scott, 722-3309.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH

C.C.D.

Opportunity for students grades 1-8 to learn/experience the Catholic faith with others in their age group. Sessions held September-May in the school on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. Sunday Mass attendance required. Certified teachers are always welcome to apply, and volunteers are needed on a regular basis. Call Director Lucille Guzzone, 724-9617, or chaplain Subdeacon Eli Shami, 714-6404.

Vacation Bible School

A week long summer program (usually in August) for children ages 4-11 years to help deepen their faith and involvement in the Christian community. Fun for everyone, call Diana Mattox, 928-9224, for information.

TEEN PROGRAM

LIFE TEEN

Youth ministry program with a strong focus on the Eucharist. Meet Sunday for Mass (usually 5 p.m.) and LIFE Night (fellowship) afterwards. Call Nancy, 398-1961.

LIFE TEEN - Core Team

Over 18, have a love for teens and are not currently a parent of a teen. Call Nancy Powers, 398-1961, for more information on meeting times.

Parents for LIFE TEEN Teen

Adults or parents interested in supporting the LIFE TEEN program. Membership is open to all adults regardless of whether or not you are a parent. Activities are creative, fun, exciting, and diverse, call Mollie O'Neil, 997-6871.

Teen Stewardship

Teens share their Time, Talent, and Treasure with their parish, call Gus & Jackie Carlson, 465-6957.

Teen Stewardship Adult Volunteers

Meet twice a year to coordinate service hours and pledges of teens, call Jackie and Gus Carlson, 465-6957.

CHILD CARE

Child Care Center

Adults wanting to share their talents in three different subcommittees: educational, plant facilities, and fund raising, contact Theresa Little, 724-7239.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

Christ the King Catholic School Grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. The principal is Janet Morton. The school has many needs for volunteers on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. The school seeks assistance in the office, cafeteria, library, and clinic. Volunteers are needed as board members and business partners, room mothers, and speakers. Help with the yearly golf tournaments is also needed, call 724-2954.

SCOUTING PROGRAMS

Boy Scouts

Troop 5 sponsored by Christ the King Church. Boys 6-12th grade. Meet Tuesdays, 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut, call Rob, 744-5902.

Catholic Scouting Committee

Adult individuals interested in providing youth ministry through the scouting program. Meets four times a year; organizes and implements "Catholic Camporee" for all Scouts once a year; attend spring awards ceremony. Training provided, call Donna, 641-0698.

Cub Scouts

Pack 5 sponsored by Christ the King Church, Boys in 1st-5th grade. Dens meet weekly in the Scout Hut, call Mike Klima, 726-5502, or Donna Baker, 641-0698.

Girl Scouts

Girls of different age levels that meet weekly or bi-weekly in the Shirley David Hall after school or in the evenings, call Nancy D'Antoni, 745-9652.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Advent Tree

A program that puts smiles on faces of people at Christmas. Those who share time and talent in this ministry help put up the Advent Tree with special paper ornaments. Parishioners choose ornaments to take home, purchase the gift, and return the ornament with the gift attached to it. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the gifts to nursing homes, orphanages, etc., call Trudy Cameron, 724-0511.

Habitax - Habitat for Humanity

Forms partnerships between those in need and those who are willing to put their faith into action by donating their time, talent, and treasure to construct new homes, call Bill Damato, 642-8920.

I. M. Sulzbacher

Individuals who give two hours of their time to 400-500 men, women and children the third Tuesday of each month by saying grace, serving dinner, and cleaning up the kitchen, call Donnell 743-6174.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Blood Drive

Twice a year Christ the King Church, along with the Florida Georgia Blood Alliance, holds a blood drive, call Karlene Simmons, 642-8319.

Christ the King Clinic

Staffed by doctors, registered nurses, and ancillary support people. They donate their services the fourth Saturday of each month 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., call Willie Blaquiere, 744-5447.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Nurses who belong to Christ the King Parish willing to volunteer their time and talent to support the ministry of health within the parish, call Barbara, 724-1776.

OFFICE/RECTORY

Rectory Office Volunteers

Adults willing to volunteer a morning/afternoon/all day Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Different positions available: receptionist, clerical, computer operator. Call the Rectory at 724-0080 for more information.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Christ the King Athletic Association (CKAA)

Serves children (ages 5-12, boys; 5-15, girls) who believe that youth athletics provide valuable lessons in citizenship/teamwork. Also, if you would like to contribute toward the cost associated with registering a child for a C.K.A.A. sport, call Lance Simons, 745-4881.

Clown Ministry

Is there a child somewhere inside you? Interested in sharing your religion with others while having fun? The Clown Ministry is planning fun nights for the whole family, call Janyce Jendryn, 346-5501.

Cursillo

A Renewal movement of individuals in the Church who want to deepen their faith and enhance their walk with Christ, call Carl Ludwig, 724-8485.

K' Cees

Organization of Catholic Women an auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 4727. They help/support the Knights. Meetings are in the Rectory on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. Call Wanda Martin, 744-4302 for information.

Knights of Columbus

Organization of Catholic men and their families dedicated to promoting concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If you are a practicing Catholic man, at least 18 yrs. old, and interested in fellowship with people who share the same beliefs, call George Cosco, 724-9585.

L'Arche Harbor House

Mutual ministry with members and assistants, building community support and awareness to the needs and gifts of the disabled members of the L'Arche Harbor House family, call 744-4435 for information.

Marriage Encounter

A program designed to teach married couples how to better communicate, to strengthen and support Christian marriage. Contact Emilio and Theresa Gonzalez-Chavez, 721-0012 for more information.

Pre Cana/Engaged Encounter

For information on upcoming workshops and weekends, call 308-7474.

HabiJax - Building on Faith



The Damatos sign up volunteers for HabiJax

by Eileen Porter

"Building on Faith" was the HabiJax project conducted in October and November 2001. The construction took place in the Royal Terrace Section of Jacksonville. It was a very ambitious project that involved building 25 homes in a period of six weeks. While it was a challenge, it was nothing new for HabiJax! Since joining the Habitat For Humanity program in 1988, HabiJax has been responsible for the construction of over 800 homes in Jacksonville.

In the year 2000, HabiJax constructed 125 homes and has the most aggressive building effort of any affiliate in the country.

Christ the King became involved in the HabiJax program during House Raising Week in 1993, when they provided lunches for volunteers working on the houses. In 1994 the parish built its first HabiJax house. In each of the following 3 years Christ the King parish built another house. This

important ministry was enthusiastically supported by our parishioners, who put in hundreds of hours, plus donated building materials. Bill Damato has been coordinating the program for Christ the King. Bill has worked on the houses from the beginning of Christ the King's involvement with the program and has done a wonderful job in this important ministry.

In 1998 Catholics for HabiJax approached Christ the King about joining forces and forming a coalition to build 8 houses and Christ the King agreed. In addition to Christ the King, the coalition consists of Assumption, San Jose, and San Juan Del Rio parishes.

The coalition built four homes in 2001.

Bill Damato and Christ the King parish are grateful to the many men and women who have so willingly shared their time and talent to make this program such an outstanding success.

Knights of Columbus Initiation Ceremony



Newly inducted Bishop Galeone receives his membership card and the Knights prayer card from George Coseo, Grand Knight of Arlington Council #4727

by Jim Middleton

Father Mike Thompson and Father Peter Colasurdo.

Bishop Vincent Galeone was inducted into the Knights of Columbus in a First Degree (Initiation Ceremony) sponsored by Arlington Council #4727, that was held in the Parish Hall the evening of November 20. Also inducted were Father Guy Noonan of Christ the King, and 29 other candidates. Other clergy present, already Knights, were: our own Father Thanh, Father Tom Cody,

as the candidates present were from various Councils throughout Duval, Clay and St. John counties.

The Degree, under the aegis of District Deputy Thomas Bagby, was named in honor of Regis O'Connell, a recently deceased Brother of Council #4727, and a Christ the King parishioner.

CKCCW Bake Sale and TV Raffle



Tonya Downer from Circle 11 and winner of the TV, Catherine Downer

by Claretta Lamusga

The ladies of the CKCCW are pleased to announce that they had a profit of approximately \$800.00 on the bake sale that was held on the 8th and 9th of December. We also made about \$800.00 on the TV

raffle. The television was won by Kathleen Downer and she purchased her winning ticket from her sister-in-law, Thonya Downer, from Circle 11.

Some of the money was used to purchase six new brass planters for use in the Church and Chapel.

Faith Sharing News



Bettie Masters and Betty Becht



Betty and Frank Becht



Buzz Bekkedal, Sam Clements, Jim Setser



Margaret Bekkedal, Pat Setser, Buzz Bekkedal



Father Neil Carr, Claretta Lamusga, Bettie Masters



Pat and Delores Bianco

by Frank Becht

Why join in faith sharing? An often asked question. "I go to church and communion on Sundays and confession when we have the service." But what else do you do? It is a well accepted truth that we can't get to Heaven by ourselves. We've got to do more than what's required to be Catholics in name.

Small Faith-Sharing Groups give us an opportunity to interact with others. In so doing, we learn to share with others the things we could not express before. We can go beyond ourselves and give of ourselves for the benefit of others. Small Faith communities make a difference in our church, in the community in which we live and in our own lives. That's what it's all about; learning to share with others.

Of course, that's not the end of the story. In developing this small faith sharing community of 10 - 15 people, we unconsciously develop

a close personal relationship and become good friends. As we socialize and develop long term, caring relationships, we become a social community.

Can you imagine what happens in the Church with many Small, Faith-Sharing communities? Look around you, Christ the King is one such Church.

So, remember you can't do it ALONE. Try Faith-Sharing.

The Lenten Small Faith-Sharing Group session will begin the week of Ash Wednesday, February 13. Should there be any question regarding materials to be used, or you wish to sign up for a group, please contact Alick Hardie at 721-9188.

Faith Sharing Social Group

On December 9, Father Carr was able to join a Christmas party at the home of Betty and Frank Becht to celebrate the coming of Christ in the Year 2002.

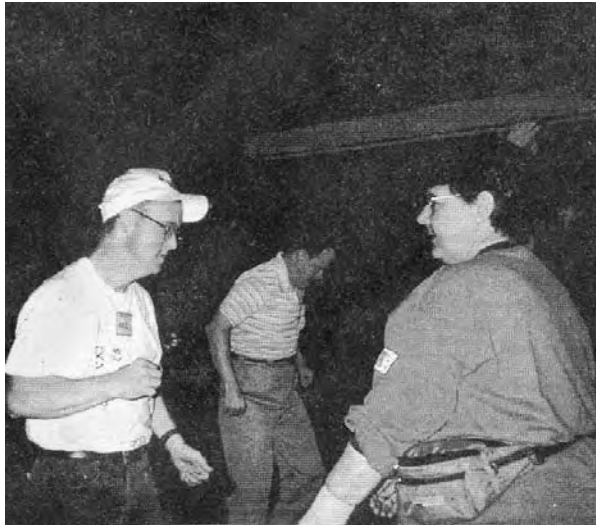


"Momma" Helen and Helen Ramos



Sissy Keegan, Willie Blaquiery, Bernie Voor, Father Neil Carr

Christ the King Hosts Harbor House



Paul and Sharon

by Barbara Hanuscin

For the past several years, the Christ the King conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has hosted the Arlington Interdenominational Ministries (A.I.M.) fall-season dance for the members of the L'Arche group homes in the Arlington area. In the past years, other ministries, such as the Teens and Single and Single Again Ministry, have assisted with this event. Those who have participated learn quickly how enjoyable it is to do so.

This year, Father Thanh approached me with a worried look and asked me "What is this AIM dance? Do you know what it is all about?" I then explained that the Arlington Interdenominational Ministries holds parties for the group homes in the area, such as Harbor House. These parties rotate to different churches in the area and fall is usually Christ the King's turn to host one. We started with simply pizza and music played on a small boom box and evolved to having a real disc jockey. Father quizzed, "Then you will take care of this?" I hesitated at first, knowing I was in the midst of playing the role of "mother of the bride". Then I thought of all that Father was taking on as pastor of the huge flock at Christ the King. I told him I would take care of it and head the committee for the event. The sign of worry left his face (and went to mine) as he grinned with that wide smile we have all come to love. I called the rectory and reserved the Parish Hall for the date of November 8th from 7 p.m. 'til 9 p.m.

Those who were involved with the project the previous years did not hesitate to say yes once again. Stu Pierce of the Society of St.

Vincent de Paul contacted the wonderful disc jockey Steve Brown "the Music Man". Steve had so generously donated his time and talent the previous year and did not hesitate in again offering his services free for the event. Steve said he had enjoyed it so much previously, he was looking forward to it again. Steve is a professional DJ and does music for all occasions as well as karaoke and light show. His phone number is 904-262-7538 and fax 904-262-2771. If any of you need a great DJ, please contact him!

I spoke with Lori Gallo of A.I.M. and we decided on the foods that the guests would enjoy. Since they would have eaten dinner already, we decided on fruit, cheese, cupcakes, chips and sodas. Sam Clements of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul agreed to order and pick up the cupcakes from (where else but) Sam's Club. Pat Thomas, stewardship director of Christ the King said they would reimburse him for the expenses.

We decided on a fall theme with little scarecrows as centerpieces on the tables. We borrowed some life sized scarecrows from Cindy and Mary Ann, of the decorating committee of the Single and Single Again Ministry.

Emelia Hubbard of the Choir, Single and Single Again Ministry and the Garden Club had helped the previous year and assisted in teaching some dance steps to the attendees. She immediately consented to come and add to the party atmosphere. She is such a joyful, enthusiastic lady. Nino Struzzi and Pat Fitzell of the Singles and Singles Again Ministry had helped previously and were most willing to help out again. This would be Nino's third year helping with the event. He's a real "life of the party" and gets the folks out on



Barbara of Harbor House, Emelia Huggart, Becca Pierce

the dance floor whether on feet or in wheelchairs.

Next on the list of "to do's" was hall set-up. How was I going to manage that when I worked until 5 p.m. on the other side of town? Nick Trotti of the Boy Scouts volunteered to come early and take down tables for the dance floor. His father Tony, wondered how Nick was going to get there and Nick replied to his dad "I figured if I was helping, you would, too!" How could a father refuse such a scout! Chris Bodin, of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul offered his cell phone number in the event that additional set-up help was needed.

On the day of the dance, all fell in to place. I arrived with the food and decorations to a hall that was ready for decorating, thanks to Nick and Tony. Katie from the Single and Single Again Ministry was there to roll out the yellow table paper and help place the scarecrows. Emelia pitched in with the food set up. Stu helped ice the sodas and carry the DJ's equipment in. Nino and Pat arrived to help greet the guests. Becca Pierce came with her bright eyes and smile.

We learned the MOMS ministry was having a dinner in the adjacent Shirley David Hall. We decided to invite them to join us if they would like. We knew the sound would be carrying over their way. I heard later that some of our music and sounds came at precise moments as to evoke laughter from their crowd when mixed with the words uttered by their speaker. We heard the laughter and applause on our side as well at some choice moments.

The members of the various group homes started to arrive. The music began playing and everyone was having a great time. Paul from Harbor House really showed his stuff on the dance floor. He is

terrific! Barbara, Sharon and Viva, also from Harbor House, added their smiles and excitement to the evening. Nino escorted Katrina to the dance floor and helped Joy take a spin around the floor. Roberta, Robert, Pam, Kathy, Annamae, Gary and Richard were cheerful participants. Andy, Jeffry, Larry and Brenda were among the YMCA enthusiasts. Stacy had so much energy and didn't miss a dance. Mary Baez of Singles and Singles Again Ministry volunteered and assisted residents of the group homes.

Later in the evening, some late comers from other group homes arrived at the wrong door. The MOMS ministry graciously steered them in our direction. The music beat was picking up and when YMCA was played, the crowd responded so well, that Steve did a repeat of YMCA and drew wild cheers from the group. We all had a great time with the 'Lectric Slide, the Macarena, the Hokey Pokey and the Chicken Dance. All were laughing so hard, I wondered how they could dance at the same time!

Father Thanh made a visit to see what it was all about. Sister Therese came and was caught admiring the life sized scarecrows. They were taller than Sister!

Everyone had a great fun-filled several hours. We almost hated for it to end. I think the MOMS would have joined us if the dance hadn't ended before their meeting. I sure hope that I haven't omitted anyone's name, but at this late writing I am sure that I may have. So a big "thank you" goes out to everyone who helped add to the pleasure of the evening, especially the folks from the group homes without whom we could not have hosted the dance.

For the World So Loved God!

by Harriet Hughes

At Christmas the choir lyrically reported angels singing, bells ringing and saints proclaiming songs of love. As Christmas is most assuredly a season of love, so it is with Easter. Therefore, it is essential to our spiritual lives that Christmas and Easter become not mere seasons but important elements of our everyday lives.

Throughout the solemn season of Lent, we will be reminded of the ultimate gift of love. At age thirty-three, the tiny baby boy born in a stable in Bethlehem gave His own life on the cross so that we all might live. His father had sent Him and He never faltered in what had to be an excruciating mission.

Christ was betrayed by His friends. Even Peter claimed not to know Him. The son of God was scourged, crowned with thorns, insulted repeatedly and was forced to carry His cross to the site of His eventual crucifixion and death.

"For God so loved the world ..."

(John 3:16) is an expression that we have heard since our early formative years. Certainly sports fans are constantly reminded of it through various signs displayed in numerous stadiums and arenas throughout the country.

The Christ the King Adult Choir decided that perhaps the phrase needed to be revamped so that it reads "For the world so loved God." On Saturday, January 19, in an attempt to return to the Father but a small portion of the tremendous love He has shown to mankind, especially in the gift of His only son, a group of choir members decided to refurbish the Sacred Heart Chapel.

The mission of these choir members, which they readily accepted, was to repaint and refurbish the Sacred Heart Chapel which had grown dingy through the years. The choir was of the opinion that the permanent home of our Savior needed to be in tip top condition and "dingy" was just not acceptable. He was, after all, a King.

This project was ably led by Jackie and Everett Comstock, they arrived at Christ the King Church armed with paint brushes, pans, paint rollers, drop cloths, dust rags, detergent, furniture polish, etc. The brave painters, dusters, cleaners, etc., included Grace Berkey, Buzz Bekkedal, Sam and Jan Clements, Susan Fowler, Anne Gerrity, Susan Grossholz, Harriet Hughes, Eileen McCoy, Shawn McNamara, Rose Marko, John Morrissey, and Honorary Choir Member and much appreciated helper, Mr. Kim Do. (Many thanks, Kim, for a job well done!)

These dedicated members were stalwart in their intentions to bring new life to the chapel. Work commenced at approximately 9:00a.m. The task was not an easy one and began with removing the

Stations from the walls. Next, all of the statues had to be removed from their pedestals. Pews had to be covered to protect them from the enthusiastic brushes of the novice painters.

After a good bit of time spent in preparing the walls to receive paint, certain designated choir members began applying new color to the walls.

The choir members undertaking this project were by no means professional painters and oftentimes one wondered if more paint was on the walls of the chapel or on the choir members themselves. Professional services on the ceiling (for obvious reasons) were provided by and through the generosity of Tim Smith.

The cleaner washed and polished the Stations and the various statues and religious icons in the Chapel. The pews were cleaned and polished as well.

It was labor, true, but a labor of love. Choir Director, Dr. Bernie Sans, official duties included complimenting the workers on a job well done. He did ensure that no spots were missed on the walls and that the Stations were once again level.

Ward Berkey of *Christ The King Courier* arrived to photographically record the venture but had a difficult time getting any of the workers to remain still long enough for him to snap a picture.

The choir members worked extremely hard. As the day wound down and workers found themselves tiring, they were reminded of another saying that we have heard through the ages. "Wherever two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them." They found themselves suddenly refreshed and continued on with their mission.

What a difference they had made! Though tired and with aching muscles, the choir members were filled with a sense of pride as to what they had been able to accomplish through group effort and a desire to improve the looks of the Chapel. It was once again fresh, clean and befitting a King!

Parishioners are encouraged to pay a visit to the Chapel to personally witness the fruits of the choir's labors (and to help locate two missing paint brushes and one choir member). Plan to stay awhile. Christ, the King, is always there and anxious for your company. "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have called you and you are mine." For sure He would like you to enjoy and partake of His more pleasant surroundings.

Finally, the choir members would like to issue a challenge to other ministries to come forward with similar projects. If suggestions are needed, Father Thanh can most assuredly provide several. "For the world so loved God ..."



Buzz Bekkedal

Harriet Hughes



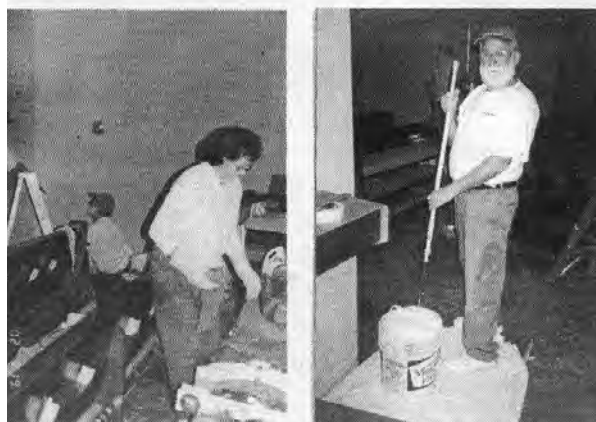
Painting

Grace Berkey



Dusting

Spruce Up



Sam Clements

Queens & Kings Christmas Celebration

The Queens & Kings held their Annual Christmas celebration at Selva Marine Country Club on December 9th. Excellent food, Prizes, companionship - a good time was had by all!



Betty Harkey, Genny Ervolino, Joe Ervolino, Erleen Ferguson, Pat Askew, Anna Mary Riley, Ruth & John Fitzgerald



Ann Seravo, Secretary; Jane Podein, President; Bill Campbell, Treasurer; Marge Campbell; and Audrey Alexander, 1st Vice President



Irene Laffee, Shirley Long, Idelle Howell, Holga & Walter Miller



Sue Starr, Sissy Keegan, Frank and Ruth Gunther, Dolly & Cass Casterlin



Pat White, Monica White (guest), George & Lucy Hollum, Ann Rudicill, Peggy Cullen



Marguerite Simmons, Joan & Jack Sperling, guest, Wanda & Al Martin, Marge Yarborough

St. Patrick's Circle Christmas Party



Laverne Japour, Ann Olinto, Mary Lou Coyle



Pat Toplay, Belle Vogl, Marge Yarborough

Members of Christ the King Circle #5 gathered December 17th, 2001 at member Dolores Bianco's home to enjoy food, festivities and the blessings of friends joining to celebrate the arrival of Christ's birth.

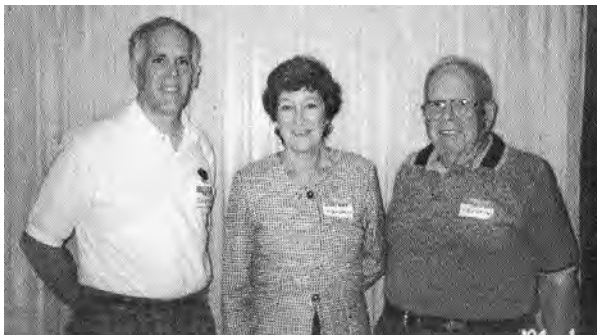


Lucie Hollum, June Costello, Polly Morris



Marlene Robertson, Shannon Ishee, Eleanor Elser, Front Pat Deckert

Nocturnal Adoration Society



Paul Ghiotto, Mary Ann Middleton, John Faustini

by Frank Becht

Nocturnal Adoration is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by groups who gather on the first Friday of each month in the Sacred Heart Chapel. There are eight Bands which begin adoration from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following morning. These Bands rotate adoration in one-hour segments and close with Benediction, and normally a Mass. Over a period of eight months the Bands cycle through the hours and then begin the cycle again.

The purposes of the Nocturnal Adoration Society are to:

Unite members in prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament

To deepen the experience of communion with Christ's Eucharistic, as He continues His self-offering and saving influence

To revitalize Christian commitment

To pray for the needs of the Church and the world at large.

The inspiration of spending one hour in prayer mirrors Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He found two of His disciples sleeping. He reproached them with, "You could not stay awake with Me for even an hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

The first hour of Nocturnal Adoration at Christ the King began on December 6, 1963. In those early years, it was a men's only organization and remained so for several years. When the wives and other ladies joined in adoration is unclear, but it is suspected that they joined when maintaining members in the Bands became a problem. (Do any of you "First Ladies" of Nocturnal Adoration know when women first became members?) In fact, Band 7's original membership folded and a group from Resurrection Church volunteered to become members and have been faithful for many years.

There appears to have been about sixty original members, several of whom are continuing members. Many of the original group moved away or have died. Dick Sollee is an example of an original member who has moved out of parish but still remains a

faithful member and leader. This ministry is a viable and growing part of Christ the King.

Recently, a new director was appointed because Marty Polsenski, still an active member, moved out of the parish. Our new director and Society President, Paul Ghiotto, is a member of an original parish family. Paul's father, Joe, was a charter member of Nocturnal Adoration at Christ the King. Through Paul's efforts, we expect to see renewed interest and an expansion of Nocturnal Adoration.

Other members of the Nocturnal Adoration committee include John Faustini, who has been Society Treasurer for 25 years, and Mary Ann Middleton, Society Secretary. Many of the leaders are Charter members and have held offices for many years.

Plans are under way to add two additional Bands to facilitate the closing of adoration ceremonies on First Saturday mornings. The times of these non-rotating hours would be 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. New members are also needed for the non-rotating hours on First Friday evening of 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. A recruitment program to add the additional members was announced at a recent meeting of Society Officers and Band leaders. In addition a general meeting of the membership is being planned to install new members and provide for a long overdue social gathering.

All parish members, you are invited to join in Nocturnal Adoration. Many of our original and long term members convey to us how personally and spiritually rewarding it is to be a part of this ministry. They feel guilty if they are unable to attend an hour of devotion. They feel something is ... missing. *Is something missing in your life?*

Nocturnal Adoration Band Leaders

- 1- Paul Ghiotto
- 2- Elli Shami
- 3- Dick Sollee
- 4- Al Martin
- 5-Buddy Costello
- 6- Bruce Shuert
- 7- Ken Ulatowski
- 8- Jim Middleton

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

by Devin Rhoden (2B)

The classes have been preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation with our teachers for the past two weeks. Saturday, February 2, we had a breakfast in the social hall; then we went to the Church. In the

Church Father Thanh read the Gospel and we sang songs for our parents. There were five priests to hear our confessions. We are so lucky we have a sacrament we can go to any time when we are truly sorry for our sins. We are so thankful for all the teachers helping us for this very special day.

Christ the King School Honor Roll 2nd Quarter 2001 - 2002

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RCIA

Day of Discernment

by Kathy Daniels

Saturday, February 2nd the RCIA had their Day of Discernment. Father Guy gave the opening talk welcoming everyone and outlining what would be done while there.

It seems we would be praying the Glorious decades of the Rosary interspersed with witness talks by the core team and sponsors. One talk for each decade of the rosary. This took a couple of hours. The speakers shared a personal happening in their life dwelling on a particular item. They were asked to use as a theme Faith, Hope, Love, Annulment, or the Journey to the Catholic Church. Each of the talks was an emotional sharing on both sides. The people listening as well as the person speaking. It brought us all together in a special way. We shared a closeness that sometimes takes weeks to develop and we came by it as a natural way of things.

Afterward we had a Holy Hour in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This consisted of several people reading scriptures from the Old and New Testaments with a few minutes of

contemplation between each. At the very end Tony Zeaiter and Lyle Stewart read a story entitled "Who Cares?" The story took us through the crucifixion of Christ interspersed with the words "Who cares?" spoken in various tones of voice.

We broke for lunch around noon. There were boxed lunches for everyone and we shared a lot of conversation in small groups.

The afternoon started with a video of Mother Angelica's show entitled Scott Hahn's Conversion. Scott walked a circuitous path to the Catholic Church.

Following this, Mass was celebrated in the Chapel with Father Guy presiding. Father took us through the Mass explaining as he went the meaning behind everything we do and how it all ties together in one wondrous celebration of love for God and what He has given us.

After Mass there was a question and answer session in the Chapel. The questions exhibited a tremendous need to understand the various aspects of the Mass. All in all, we had a very spiritually moving day.

St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Baskets



by Elizabeth Anne Daugharty

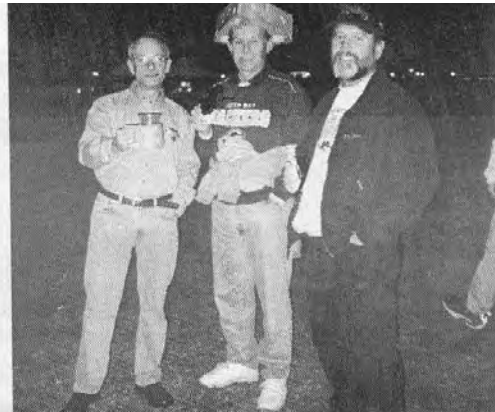
The time for delivering baskets arrived again like it does every year. The time of the holidays—we deliver for Thanksgiving and Christmas! The Saturday before Christmas, I woke up pretty early so that my grandmother, my Dad and I could assist in transferring the food from Publix to the St. Vincent de Paul's pantry. My Aunt Annie took Dad's place at Christmas because he was out of town. When we got to the pantry we helped unload the food and pack the baskets.

There are some people that we visit every year. My favorite people: Nathaniel, Rachel, and Frances. They are brother and sisters. Nathaniel is blind and Rachel doesn't breathe very well.

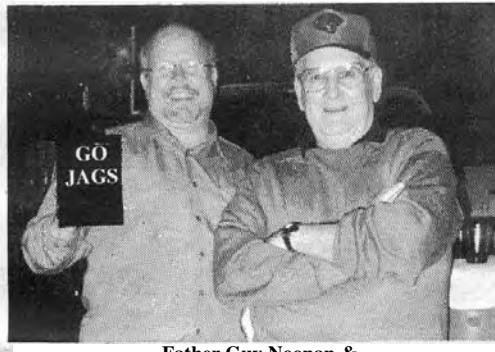
But Frances and some people in the family that live near by (in the apartments) help out.

I have been visiting them through St. Vincent de Paul since I was really little and they are just the sweetest and most spirit filled people you have ever met. Whenever we go to them, Frances and Rachel show us their newest toys or knickknacks. Frances usually gets a little teary eyed because she is so grateful, and I always leave there feeling as though I have just made a huge difference in a few people's holiday or maybe even their lives. I know they have made a huge difference in my life. Helping with the baskets over the years has helped me with the meaning of Thanksgiving and of giving at Christmas.

Tailgating...the Perfect Prelude to a Jaguars Football Game



**CK Music Director Bernie Sans,
Bob the Birthday Boy & Packers Fan!
Mark Nichols - CK Parishioner & Bob's son-in-law**



**Father Guy Noonan &
CK Parishioner Berlin Clark**

By Wanda Klima

We have been tailgating at the Jaguars games for seven years now and each year we seem to perfect the tradition with every game.

Monday night games are always big so when the Jaguars played Green Bay in December, we wanted to make our tailgating experience one to remember.

First, we invited our Music Director, Bernie Sans, and one of our new priests, Father Guy Noonan, to join us. Each was given the task of bringing a favorite dish to share. Bernie cooked authentic bratwurst sent directly from his Mom in Milwaukee! Father Guy brought homemade cannelloni and shrimp scampi...mmm mmm good. We provided our special TNT chili. Our regular tailgating friends brought sides to complement the

dishes. Father Guy was also instructed to find a wine that would go with everything on the menu and he did not fail to do so!

A special treat for the evening was a birthday celebration for Bob. Bob is a Green Bay Packers fan and he was decked out from cheese head to toe in Packers paraphernalia. Bob is the father of fellow parishioner, Kathy Nichols, and since it was his birthday, we Jaguar fans were pretty nice to him! Kathy's husband, Mark, accompanied Bob and brought birthday pies! We lit candles and sang Happy Birthday, too. This was one birthday I am quite sure Bob will not soon forget.

Tailgating is the perfect prelude to a football game because, if you are a Jaguars fan, sometimes the pre-game festivities out shine the game itself! Go Jaguars!

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Christmas Program CTK Child Care



by Jean Sell

We had a wonderful Christmas celebration at the Child Care Center. Highlights of the activities were the making of a gingerbread house and a camp out where we warmed ourselves by a fire we built.

As bright and wonderful as the parties were, the Christmas Program on December 20th was our shining star. Our children gave beautiful performances. Parents and guests enjoyed the evening very much. We are all looking forward to the many activities planned for the new year.

What I learned in MOMS, I did NOT learn in Kindergarten

by Cynthia Surles

Having been a member of the parish since 1984, I have heard of MOMS several times. I was even invited to come to a meeting once. However, I never felt motivated to go until recently. When the mother of my son's classmate said how much she really enjoyed her MOMS group, and explained that it was only an eight week session, I decided to try it, and I'm glad I did.

Prior to the September session, there was a wine and cheese introductory party to give interested women more information. We watched a video tape on how the national movement was started and listened to several speakers. We then had the opportunity to sign up for a morning or evening session. I decided on morning.

The women in our morning group came from several countries, Germany, Lebanon, England, Canada, the USA. We came to the group as mothers of young children, grown children and grandmothers. We came from different starting points spiritually. But we all came to appreciate our role in the ministry of motherhood.

At each session there is a guided topic led by a facilitator, a former attendee of a MOMS session. After the topic is presented, we can each then share our thoughts, feelings, and experiences regarding the subject. If you do your homework—reading the appropriate chapter in the journal and answering questions—you are able to participate more fully. Don't worry, no one will slap your hands if you don't get your

homework done. But, you may miss out on some important personal discoveries. Here are some of the things I've learned amidst the joy and laughter:

- ◇ Being a mom is a ministry. You minister to your family everyday.
- ◇ To be a better mom, it's important to minister to yourself also.
- ◇ Each mom is unique and you do not have to strive to be like someone else.
- ◇ Learning to accept yourself is a process.
- ◇ There are areas of my life that can be improved to reduce stress.
- ◇ There are many grace-filled moments to enjoy, even in troubled times.
- ◇ It's good to honor my husband's role as head of the house.
- ◇ We can strive to be more spiritual from any starting point, taking small as well as big steps.
- ◇ MOMS is a great way to make new friends.

What you learn in MOMS will depend on what you are willing to learn, the journaling time you spend between sessions (two hours is recommended), and the willingness to share your feelings and experiences and imperfections with others in the group. Although we all lead busy lives, the time spent sharing with and learning from the other mothers is time well spent. I hope you'll consider joining one of the next sessions and giving yourself time to think as you journal. It's truly worth it.

K-Cee's Christmas Party



Santa & Maggie Damato



Joe Damato, Maggie Damato, Eileen Porter
Neil Porter, Bill Damato, Helen Damato, Grace Berkey



KC's Dinner Dance

by Eileen Porter

Christmas celebrating had an early start at Christ the King with the K-Cee's dinner dance on December 1st. This is an annual event sponsored by the K-Cee's to raise funds to provide a happy Christmas for needy families in our community.

Laura Morris and her committee did a beautiful job decorating the Parish Hall with poinsettias and red and green table cloths. Music for dancing was provided by "Brett" and ran the gamut from tunes of the fifties to line dancing.

The dinner was delicious, thanks to all the good cooks who are members of the K-Cee's.

We were favored by a visit from Santa Claus. We know it was the real Santa, but the Elf, who presented each of the ladies with a little angel, looked a lot like Carol Cosco.

During an intermission from the dancing a drawing was held. There were three baskets artistically arranged by Jenny Oliver, and a truly lovely creche crafted by our talented Martha Shea. Phyllis Bauman was the lucky winner of the creche.

K-Cee's President Wanda Martin and her committee did a wonderful job of planning the event. It was a great evening and many of those present declared it to be our best Christmas party ever.

If Only...

by Mickey Kenny

If only there had been more of us . . . If only I had known more . . . If only I had known sooner the little I did know . . . if only . . . if only. As always, "if only's" are never very productive. BUT – they can be used to prepare for next year.

I'm a convert so I have no memories of old-time marches and parades except from my husband's family photo albums. Our children were thrilled to find pictures of their father carrying the crucifix, dressed as an altar boy in the black cassock and white surplice trimmed with about ten inches of lace. He looked so dignified, so proud, so Catholic! And the whole parish it seemed following him down the street.

Members of the Catholic Church – lay people, just like me and like you – still go to various legislative places to make known the social policies of the Church. There were members of Christ the King Parish and other local churches who stood at the court house on the 29th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. And there were two of us who went to Tallahassee. And I saw on EWTN there were Catholics who went to Washington, D.C., as well.

This quote from Cardinal Joseph Bernardin in August of 1996 defines the meaning of the Catholic Days at the Capitol:

Catholics . . . will continue to offer a vision of the inalienable dignity of the human life as the foundational principle for a well-

ordered society. And . . . we propose to our fellow citizens a consistent ethic of life that promotes all that enhances and nurtures life, and rejects all that diminishes or destroys it.

The bishops encourage Catholics to go to the Capitol each year at the beginning of the legislative session to make known to the legislators the positions the Church has taken on various social issues. Obviously, the more of us who go, the more pressure is brought upon each legislator to remember when he or she votes who it is they are there to represent.

What difference can one person make? As Christians we know what one man can do! Of course, we are not that one man – but collectively we can make an impact upon our society, helping our laws reflect the kind of people we want to be. Too often laws are made by pressure from the dedicated and persistent work of one or two people – as in the loss of school prayer.

Yolanda Cerquiera and I went as representatives of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be, as much as possible, a "voice for the poor." But the Catholic Days at the Capitol were organized by the Florida Catholic Conference with people there from other organizations within the parishes who sent them. There probably is no ministry which is not touched in some way by the laws of the State of Florida. Mainly we are there to support the position of the bishops on such legislation as adoption, children's health, the death penalty, women's health, human cloning,

and all other issues that affect the quality of life.

In the four days we were there, one day was reserved for checking in and getting our information on the possible legislation for 2002 and who our individual representatives are. One day was for checking out! The other two days were packed with events beginning with the opening of the legislative session begun by addresses by Senator John McCay, President of the Senate, and Representative Tom Feeney, Speaker of the House. The Senate members then joined the House members and heard the State of the State address by the Governor, Jeb Bush. After this there was an opportunity for each of us to make appointments to visit our personal representatives in order to speak to each one about our greatest personal concern.

At the end of the afternoon we met at the steps of the old Capitol to show our support for social issues and to show again our sorrow over the Roe vs. Wade decision passed 29 years ago. This was somewhat marred by the weather—but many stalwarts stayed in spite of the rain. It was at this time our lack of numbers showed most.

Think what it would be like if that plaza framed by the old and new Capitol buildings and the Senate and House buildings was packed with people. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade – and we should increase our numbers for that alone.

The next day there was a luncheon with all the bishops in the

State of Florida. Every group sat with their own bishop, and we from the Diocese of St. Augustine were fortunate enough to have Bishop Victor Galeone who was a speaker at the luncheon as well, and gave a reflection on "A Consistent Ethic of Life." The Lt. Governor, Frank Brogan, addressed the luncheon in such a warm and feeling way you couldn't miss the notion we were in good hands. His strong, Catholic faith is such a part of him. If all politics and politicians acted from within a strong, moral framework, the world couldn't help but be a little better place.

All the legislators were invited to attend this luncheon held at the Civic Center close to the Capitol as well as the XXVII Annual Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit – historically known as the Red Mass – with the homilist Reverend Edward A. Malloy, the President of the University of Notre Dame. A reception followed at the Co-Cathedral Center.

The Red Mass itself has a long history beginning in the 13th Century. "In Florida the Catholic Bishops continue the Red Mass tradition, inviting the people who serve in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government to join them in prayer that the Spirit of God will guide and direct them in their service to the people of Florida."

This was just a part of the many things we learned on this trip. Next year let's help make this a memorable experience for more representatives from the Diocese of St. Augustine.

What about the Widows and Widowers?

By Isabelle Fusco

Many people ask, "What can you do for those who have lost their spouse?"

You must understand how difficult the answer can be. Of course, first we handle them with loving care. We try to let them know how all of us have been there and how much we want our Lord to lead us in trying to help. We try to be friendly, while at the same time assuring them there are many ways to move through their sorrow.

We become support for each other.

When Bishop Baker was our pastor he was very supportive and encouraged me in organizing this ministry. He asked Sister Therese to assist in this delicate undertaking. (We hope that she continues to be in good health. We all miss her. Please pray for her.) The Widows and Widowers Ministry was introduced to parishioners in September of 1998. I think a lot of good has come from it.

One of our participants, Claretta, wrote saying, . . . "I think

the very best to come out of this ministry is the chance to be with others who are encountering the same type of problems resulting from having to take on the unwanted challenge of living alone – many for the very first time in our lives. This sharing of experience has built strong friendship, knowing others understand where we are coming from both spiritually and in our relationships to the outside world."

Many other members look forward to our date on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet for lunch in various places, where good food and good service and companionship have always prevailed.

We have been to the House of Prayer several times with the spiritual guidance of Father Thanh, Father Dan Shashy and Deacon Dave.

We hope those in need of our special kind of friendship and love will join us for lunch. Watch the Bulletin in church for date and time. For more information please call 724-5186.

St. Jude Circle 11



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by Patrice Pruitt

For the second year in a row, St. Jude Circle 11 visited First Coast Health, a nursing home, spreading Christmas cheer. The women and children baked cookies, sang Christmas carols and handed out Advent presents.

The residents got a special treat this year as we had Ashley and Rebecca Yount playing the piano. We would like to thank First Coast Health for allowing us to participate in the Christmas festivities.

Inside the Parish Council



by Katie Knowsit

Let me begin, dear readers, by saying that your Parish Council is alive and very well. In fact at the last meeting there were so many in attendance some of the members had to scurry around to find additional chairs before the meeting began, Katie included.

There was much excitement within the group. Those present were there to report on the success of their recruitment of new members from the Time and Talent Fair held in the Fall. And a great success it was!

One ministry stands out; your brand new Maintenance Ministry headed by Mike Klima. There were 51 people who signed up to be part of this outstanding ministry. This indicates how many parishioners are vitally interested in maintaining the wonderful plant here at Christ the King. They will meet on a timely basis to discuss, organize, and implement needed repairs and improvements to our campus. Hooray for Maintenance!

While we are speaking of the Christ the King campus, another ministry that has a great deal to do with the good looks of our campus is the Beautification Ministry which is headed by Terry Riggs. This ministry does all the landscaping in our parish. They do the planting of the beautiful flowers, the caring of the rose garden, the trimming of the bushes and trees, all the weeding, and the picking up of any trash on the grounds. They meet every third

Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon and can always use an extra green thumb. This year families, individuals, and groups are adopting a particular area of the campus they would like to tend. If you are interested, you may contact Terry at 762-0603. If you hurry, you can get in on the ground floor. So get out your garden gloves and join the fun.

Katie has just told you about two ministries that take care of the outside of our church, the grounds; now she will write a little about a group that takes care of developing the inner person at Christ the King. That group is RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – which is headed by James Scott along with his capable team and sponsors. This year there are 39 registered candidates to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Three sacraments are administered at this time. For the un-Baptized Catechumens, Baptism is first administered and then they join the already baptized Candidates to receive Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. All of the candidates, team members, and sponsors have been working diligently since September to be ready for this great event. If you have never attended an Easter Vigil Mass, make plans to do so this year. It is a celebration that will gladden your heart and enrich your Christian heritage.

That is all the news for now, but you can rest assured that, if anything happens, Katie Knowsit!



Christ the King Clinic

by Willie Blaquiére

It is the fourth Saturday of the month. On this January Saturday, the holidays are over, time to get back to everyday business, in this case, once a month business. Warm donuts from the donut shop fill my car with their wonderful aroma. It is tempting to take an early coffee break. It is 7:45 a.m., and the parking lot at the South Jacksonville Family Health Center is filling up. Ed and Marion Reason are onsite early. They pull the file cabinet of medical records to the front office, open the cabinets containing free medical supplies, and bring out equipment and supplies that will be used by the volunteer medical staff. Marion has the sign-in sheets ready when the door is opened at 8:00 a.m. On a typical day there are twenty or more patients lined up outside ready to sign in when the door is opened. More will come in as the morning progresses. There are many people who are ill and need help. No matter the time of year or weather conditions, they will come.

Before the doctors arrive at 9:00 a.m., new patients will be interviewed to determine their needs and make sure they meet financial guidelines. If they qualify, a new file is started. Established patients sign in and their files are pulled. The patient will then have vital signs taken and wait to see the doctor.

Patients with serious conditions that require further diagnostics are referred to Shands Medical Center or to the We Care program. Blood is drawn at the clinic for analysis by an independent lab and medication is prescribed as needed.

The procedures are only a little different than in your family

doctor's office. This is the way many patients have come to think of the clinic. To these patients, who are not able to change their financial situation or to obtain insurance coverage, the clinic is the only medical help they receive. Many faces become familiar as they return each month for their medical needs. Other patients may need only a one time visit and don't return. Families who are in the midst of hard times are able to get medical help for sick children; perhaps dad needs medicine so that he can get back to work. Our clients range from child to adult; single, married, divorced; parents, grandparents and guardians; they represent many different races and religions, who are struggling without health care. Bad health and hard times do not discriminate.

The clinic can try the patience of our patients. At times initial interviews are tedious and time consuming. The patient may have limited or no command of the English language. Other interviews may require a file for each of the six members of a family. The clerical volunteers know how important it is to gather all the information possible. Most are grateful for the help they will receive and do not complain. The wait time is in relation to the number of doctors, nurses and clerical who are able to help that particular day.

If you are a doctor, nurse or pharmacist and have a free Saturday morning, please contact Willie Blaquiére at 744-5447. If you would like to help with interviews a few Saturdays a year, please call. You will be in great company, the hours are good, (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), the donuts are tasty, the coffee is free and best of all, you can make a difference. You may even save a life.

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Characteristics Of A Christian Steward

Submitted by Eileen Porter

Responsibility

"Who in your opinion is that faithful, farsighted steward whom the master will set over his servants to dispense their ration of grain in season? That servant is fortunate whom his master finds busy when he returns. Assuredly, his master will put him in charge of all his property. But if the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking his time about coming,' and begins to abuse the housemen and servant girls, to eat and drink and get drunk, that servant's master will come back on a day when he does not expect him, at a time he does not know. He will punish him severely and rank him among those undeserving of trust. The slave who knew his master's wishes but did not prepare to fulfill them will get a severe beating, whereas the one who did not know them and who nonetheless deserved to be flogged, will get off with fewer stripes. When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted." (Luke 12: 42-48)

"After a long absence, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five. 'My lord,' he said, 'You let me have five thousand. See, I have made five thousand more.' His master said to him, 'Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share your master's joy.'" (Matthew 25: 19-21)

The Characteristic of Responsibility

Responsibility compels us to be accountable for who we are, what we have, and what we do. Those who are responsible have a serious sense of duty - a conviction of being obliged to act, whether or not others do. In fact, when others hold back, those who are responsible often shoulder even more. As a result, they are

trustworthy. They can be counted on to fulfill their duty, no matter what obstacles they may encounter.

Being fully responsible, however, goes deeper than our actions. It is rooted in the very essence of who we are. It guides how we look at our lives and the world around us. To be responsible is to first understand that we are not our own masters, but that we belong to the Creator. It is also to understand that we are not entitled to receive anything, but rather are accountable for all we have been given. "None of us lives as his own master, and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's." (Romans 14: 7-8)

To be responsible requires a certain degree of maturity. This maturity is not a result of age, but of how we view ourselves in relationship to God and the rest of His creation. In the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, a young but responsible George Bailey learns this lesson from his father. "You were born older, George," his father tells him. "How's that?" George asks, not sure he has heard correctly. "I said, you were born older," his father says again.

When a lack of maturity exists, there is a tendency to focus first on self, and as a result, to hold on to various tangible attachments. With maturity, the focus shifts more and more clearly to God, and for His sake, to others. Those who grow in maturity become more and more detached. This does not mean a decrease in love; rather, detachment is a purer form of love. Through detachment, we no longer view people or objects in terms of what they can do for our sake. Instead, we begin to see them as gifts entrusted to us by our beloved Father, and we desire to conscientiously take care of His gifts for His sake.

This means, then, that responsibility extends far beyond our natural inclination to care for ourselves and our immediate families. Responsibility is caring for all God's creation, especially those most fragile and marginalized: the unborn, the poor, the sick, the aging. Responsibility is sharing all that God has given us.



And, responsibility is returning with increase, all that He entrusted to us.

Responsibility and Stewardship

For one who aspires to be a Christian steward, understanding and embracing the characteristic of responsibility is key. The U.S. Bishops describe a Christian steward as "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

They also state that "This sharing is not an option for Catholics who understand what membership in the Church involves. It is a serious duty. It is a consequence of the faith which Catholics profess and celebrate." Jesus stated it even more severely: "When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted." (Luke 12: 48)

For the Christian steward who recognizes himself as one "to whom more has been entrusted," this is a sobering statement. It underscores how serious the obligation is to be responsible, and it implies that being anything less than fully responsible is not good enough.

But when this realization is taken along with the parable of the talents, it becomes clear that the obligation to be responsible is not made out of hardheartedness, but out of love. It is made so that one day the Christian steward may hear the words, "Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant. Come, share your master's joy." (Matthew 25: 21)

A Responsible Saint St. Maximilian Kolbe 1894 -1941

As a youth, Raymond Kolbe shared the financial responsibility of helping his older brother study for the priesthood, by staying home from school to help his father in his work. With tutoring however, Raymond was later able to attend

school as well. He too, wanted to be a priest. He was admitted to a Franciscan seminary and took the name Maximilian. Not long after he was ordained a priest in 1918, Maximilian began to take responsibility for what he called "the most deadly poison of our times"—religious indifference. As a result, he founded the Militia Immaculatae (Army of the Immaculate), whose mission was to conquer all souls for Christ through Mary.

In the midst of this work, Father Kolbe became ill with tuberculosis and was confined for over a year. His work came to a halt. When returned to Krakow, through, the Militia Immaculatae began to grow. Their work spread into publication of several periodicals. As the publications became more popular, Maximilian warned against taking pride in success.

In 1939, during the German occupation of Poland, Father Kolbe was arrested by the Gestapo, then released. In 1941 he was arrested again, and transferred to Auschwitz. Made to haul gravel for the walls of the crematorium and still suffering illness, Father Kolbe was treated more cruelly because he was a priest. Still, he took on the responsibility of encouraging the other prisoners. He prayed with them, heard their confessions, and pleaded with them to forgive their captors. He often gave away portions of his own severely limited food rations to other prisoners.

One day, a prisoner escaped. As punishment, the commandant called out ten others to be killed. At this point Father Kolbe took on the greatest responsibility of all. He asked to take the place of one of those designated to die. His request granted, Father Kolbe and the nine others were locked in an underground bunker to starve to death. For the next two weeks he consoled the others, and led them in praying the rosary and singing hymns to Mary. After those two weeks, Father Kolbe and three others were still alive. To kill them, the guards injected them with carbolic acid. As he prayed, Father Kolbe raised his arm for the injection.

On October 10, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Maximilian Kolbe as a martyr.

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And the Saints Came Marching In



Who is Your Favorite Saint? Our Living Litany of Saints



by Kathy Nichols

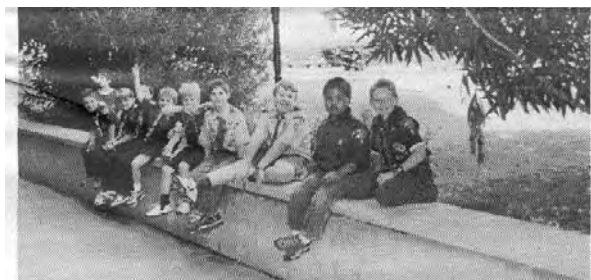
First we saw Mary, Patrick, Frances and Clare. Then Theresa, Cecilia, Joseph and John. Each first and second grader dressed as a favorite saint, and attended the November Friday's children's Mass as such. Each one needed to know a few facts about the saint they portrayed. It's good that they study these things in religion class. It can be a re-awakening to the parents in helping their child choose a saint to dress as and to learn about. It's nice to have these refresher courses as our children grow up. One tends to forget the things we've learned over the years, if we don't use them. There's a patron saint for just about everything, including quitting smoking, and for people with cancer.



If you'd like to look up the saint for the day, get on the website:
www.americancatholic.org/Features/SaintofDay/

If you'd like to find a patron saint for a specific reason, try:
<http://saints.catholic.org/patron.html>

Scout Trip To Patriots Point, SC



by Ed Jeffas

On November 2, 2001, Scout Pack 5 from Christ the King took a trip to Charleston, S.C. They visited Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum which is home to World War II Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, Destroyer LAFFEY, Submarine CLAMAGORE and Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM. There are complete overnight camping facilities for youths onboard the

YORKTOWN and the Scouts were able to take advantage of this unique opportunity, sleeping in berthing areas once used by the crew. A day trip to Fort Sumter was included as part of the overnight stay.

Another highlight of the trip was visiting Christ the King's former pastor, Bishop Robert J. Baker at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in downtown Charleston and having their picture taken with him.

Religious Education's 2002 Confirmation

by Page Acosta Peeler

The Confirmation journey for Religious Education Candidates focused on receipt of the final sacrament of initiation, a completion of the grace they received at baptism. They learned how the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit would assist them in spreading and defending their faith throughout the rest of their lives. It was apparent that the Holy Spirit was also in attendance for these 21 students from 8 different schools and 4 different parishes.

Their text book, *Celebrating Our Faith*, was supplemented with readings from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *Gifts of the Spirit*, *Prayers with Pizzazz*, other available resources and of course the *Bible*. Several classes were devoted to understanding the Bible, its origin and differences with other Christian Bibles.

Although time did not allow for service commitments before Confirmation, class time did focus on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. The students planned, as a group, to devote their time and talent to special community needs in the upcoming months.

The Candidates gave much thought and prayer in selecting their individual sponsors as well as in choosing and learning about a Saint, special to them, whom they would honor by taking their name in Confirmation. After careful

consideration, each Candidate wrote a letter to our Pastor requesting the sacrament.

During Advent, the class decided to begin their new year in prayer by individually offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit, Prayer for the Seven Gifts while on school vacation.

Our Prayer Cloth was an ongoing project throughout the preparation. We used this special prayer cloth to begin our class each week, lighting a candle and having the Candidates circle around for opening prayers. Although it began as just a plain piece of beige felt, it was transformed into a wonderful memento as each student crafted a faith symbol, special to them, to adorn the cloth.

On January 23rd, the entire class attended *Here I am Lord!* Confirmation Retreat Program at Marywood which was a full day of fun, food, games, prayer and reflection. The experience was more powerful than anyone anticipated.

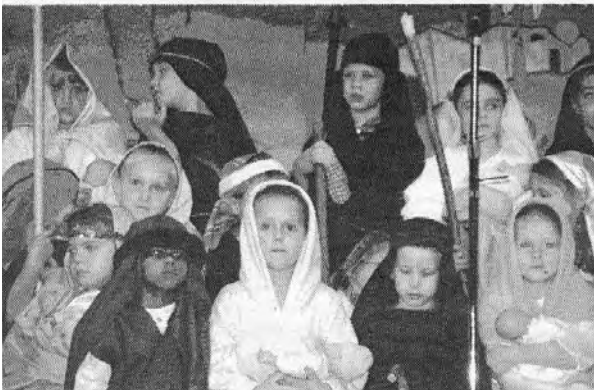
The sacrament of Christian maturity, symbolized by the laying-on of hands and anointing with chrism, by Bishop Galeone, was witnessed by family and friends. The Candidates were "sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" on February 9th, at our beautiful Confirmation ceremony. Please remember to keep these students in your prayers as they continue their Christian journey.

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 Allie Yocum
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Christ the King



by Kathy Nichols

This year's Christmas program was nothing short of spectacular. Under the direction of Laura Rausch, the band students started off playing various musical ensembles. Ms. Rausch is a new teacher at Christ the King and is helping interested students learn how to play certain band instruments.

The next few groups were led by musical directors Rocky and Judy DiGeorgio. First, the kindergartners and first graders went to the stage in their Biblical attire, and sang out to the crowd in their most celestial voices! They all dressed up either as Mary (some with baby Jesus), or as angels, shepherds, or kings.

Christmas Program



Second grade performed "The Angel Gabriel's Awesome Adventure." And the third grade followed with "The Christmas Chronicles." In "The Christmas Chronicles," an ancient tale was told with a more modern influence. It was intriguing to watch the Three Kings rap, or the reporters for the Bethlehem Chronicle scrambling to get the facts about the Greatest

Story Ever Told. A flock of sheep sang the background vocals, with voices that weren't that ba-a-a-ad!

This was a very Holy Night, thanks to the efforts of the band and music directors, all the teachers involved, and the parents, who cut and sewed and glued, so that their child had something appropriate to wear.



LIFE TEEN Summer Youth Conference

LIFE TEEN will be traveling to Charleston, South Carolina to celebrate their first ever Steubenville High School Youth Conference. (Charleston is home to our very own Bishop Bob Baker.) The dates of the conference are June 21-23, 2002. The speakers will be fantastic: Father Dave Pivonka, Father Stan Fortuna, Bob Rice and Steve Agrisano. The cost of the conference is \$130 not including hotel and other miscellaneous costs. Plan on around \$250-\$300 total cost with transportation.

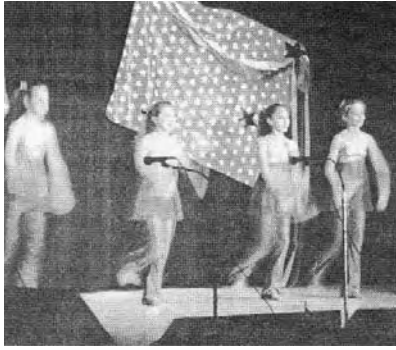
We are required to lock in a number now - so we have registered 30 teens (this includes teens from Kings Bay). We may have an opportunity to register more but we don't want to lock in a non-refundable deposit if we are not sure. So...we need your help! If your teen would like to go, we will need \$130 up front NON-REFUNDABLE (this is not the total cost). This will be first come first serve for the 30 spots we've locked in. If we receive more than 30 fees those teens will be wait listed and we will try to get additional spots. But here's the deal...the spots fill up very fast. We may be successful if we know the number of spots we'll need in the next couple of weeks but beyond that who knows.

It'll be a great weekend. Please consider sending your teen. They won't be disappointed.

Call me if you have any questions.

Nancy Powers
LIFE TEEN Coordinator
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Christ the King School's Talent Show



by Kathy Nichols

The Talent Show has once again returned to Christ the King School. Every student had the opportunity to "try out" for this show. It needed to be a rehearsed performance showing genuine talent.

After weeks of practicing, it was time for the show to go on. Twenty-four groups were chosen to display their talent on the night of November 13th. Included were acts such as dancers, pianists, acrobats, violinists, singers, comics, cheerleaders, and karate performers. Everyone put forth his or her best effort. It was a pleasure to be in the audience. In 20 years, the world may have a new Dominique Moceanu or Giovanni to contend with!



psst...good job kids

Hoopin' it up



The following article first appeared in the Christ the King School Student Newspaper, November 2001, Volume 2 Issue 1.

by Jamie Jones and Mark LaDuke

It takes three things to make up a basketball team. The players, the coach, and the fans.

The players on the girl's basketball team were an awesome group. They gave up a lot of good time when they could have been hanging out with friends and turned it into practice time. They knew they might not get to play every game, but they tried anyway. They tried their hardest on winning.

Coach Jere Rillstone in his second year coaching our team, tries hard to motivate the team

members. Win or lose he has an upbeat attitude.

The girls had a great time this 2001 season!

The boys basketball season was filled with improvement and enthusiasm from the many close games we competed in. We acquired many new skills and developed a strong sense of teamwork. All of the boys on the team were devoted players and really enjoyed the season.

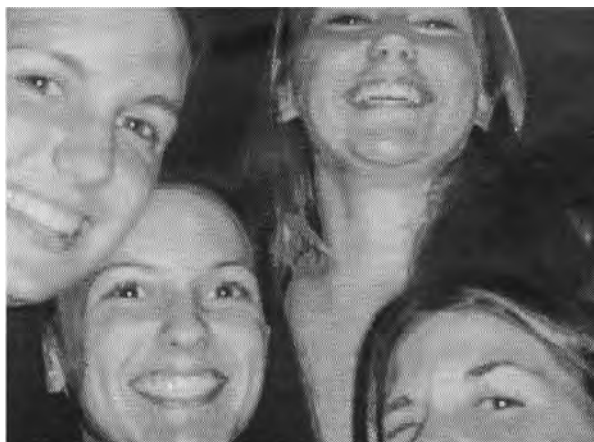
The support we received from the fans was tremendous and had a positive impact on our games. Next year we hope to continue our talent and skills to perform well in games.

Editor's note: The teams would like to thank the Cheerleading squad for all of their support before and during the games.

LIFE TEEN

Young Vincentians Program

Five LIFE TEEN Parishes Come Together To Celebrate the Holidays



by Erika White

The Young Vincentians Program was started back at the beginning of the school year and has been off to a great start. During our first meeting, the club resolved to try to complete one indirect and one direct service project per month to make an impact on our community as Christians. So far, we have done our best to stick to this agenda and have completed several service projects and have many more on the way.

Our most recent direct service project was a trip to Wolfson's Children's Hospital to help them decorate for the holiday season. There was a great turnout of teens and LIFE TEEN core members for this project and, working together, we were able to transform one floor into a winter wonderland. The teens were split into groups; one group made Christmas ornaments for the hospital staff members and others helped put up a Christmas

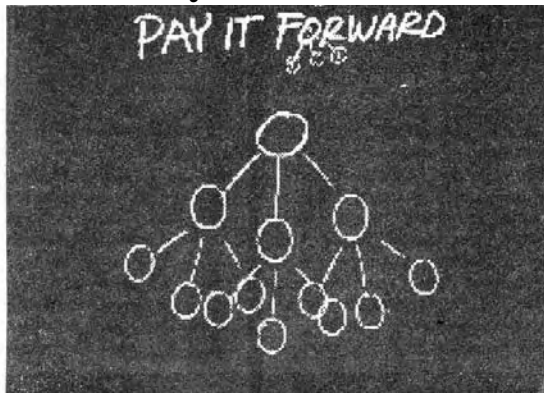
tree and decorate the hall itself. I was part of the group decorating the Christmas tree and one sweet little girl helped us put up ornaments. She then took pictures of all of us with Nancy Powers' help.

Dinner was spent eating pizza and practicing Christmas carols that we were going to sing to the kids. Justin Trull helped us out by playing the guitar to keep us all in tune. After dinner, all the teens and core members plus Santa Claus (played by David Espiritu, a fellow LIFE TEEN core member) made rounds through a few floors caroling to the patients and some of the families. The kids were all smiling and happy to see and hear us, especially Santa, and the hospital staff seemed to appreciate the caroling also.

All the teens were glad to bring a smile to these children's faces and we all had a wonderful time helping out the hospital during this holiday season.

In December, Assumption's LIFE TEEN hosted a LIFE TEEN Holiday Extravaganza where high school teens from five LIFE TEEN parishes (Assumption, Christ the King, Kings Bay, Holy Spirit and Resurrection) came together to enjoy incredible music, dancing and food. Brett Devoe spun the CD's; Kriss Herndon and Kathy Kharman (Parents for LIFE) and their team of parents and volunteers converted the hall into a sparkling wonderland with plenty of refreshments to make us feel right at home. We thank all who were involved in making this a fantastic night.

LIFE TEEN Learns To Pay it Forward



by Nancy Powers

"If someone did you a favor – something big, something you couldn't do on your own – and instead of paying it back you paid it forward to three people...and the next day they each paid it forward to three more...and the day after that those 27 people each paid it forward to another three...And each day, everyone in turn paid it forward to three more people...in two weeks that comes to 4,782,969 people."

From the movie *Pay it Forward*

On Sunday, October 14, 2001, LIFE TEEN gave three very surprised teens \$100 in cash to change the world. The only stipulations were that they must impact three lives significantly or meaningfully and they must challenge them to "Pay It Forward." The teens were chosen randomly and they are only limited by their imagination. It really was a daunting task that each one took very seriously. For two months they thought, and thought, and thought as their plans came together with some advice from friends, parents, and Core. And on the Feast of the Epiphany the teens told LIFE TEEN about their experience.

"The biggest challenge was thinking of what to do," said one teen. "How do I divide the money up?" "How do I ask someone if they need help or even tell them that I want to help them. That's kinda sensitive you know."

One teen took a dialysis patient, another young boy and his mom...all total strangers...to a Jaguar game. This was the highlight of these folks' holiday and our LIFE TEEN teen really enjoyed the experience. Another LIFE TEEN teen helped out a financially strapped family over the holidays by taking the children shopping. They were able to buy presents for their parents and something for themselves. (This family has already *Payed* It Forward by helping another family in need.) And the third LIFE TEEN teen shopped for a single mom and her child, buying items that would

put a smile on their faces and then wrapping each present with love and joy. Each teen put their personality into the project and each felt deeply moved by the experience.

When the teens were asked what kind of help can they give without spending any money they said, "We could pray for individuals. I know the power of prayer because it worked in my family." "We could ask the new teen at school to sit with us at lunch." Simple ideas but ideas that can change the world. You never know... one of them may become the next Mary Korson, who started the St. Francis Soup Kitchen downtown by giving out sandwiches to the homeless who knocked on the door of Immaculate Conception's Rectory. One of them may become the next Mother Theresa who began her ministry by picking up just one dying person on the streets of Calcutta. One moment, one idea can change the world.

Heartfelt Thanks



by Patti Sloan

Christ the King Family and School Association (FSA) would like to thank its members for their support as we continue our school year. At the beginning of the year we discussed goals; to date, we have surpassed our expectations. This would not have been possible were it not for dedicated and generous people.

There are those who contribute their time and resources on major projects, such as renovations. There are those who contribute weekly, perhaps in the cafeteria or at the art table; all are equally important and appreciated. A wise man of our parish once told me that God hears the vibrations of the tiniest bell as melodic and resonant as the biggest bell. Each is sweet in God's sight. So it is with our contributions to the school and church. The seemingly smallest act, done with love, is the greatest of gifts.

A heartfelt "thank you" to those who attended the general membership meeting of the FSA on Monday, January 14th. The FSA will be holding a Career Day in May for the students in fifth through eighth grade. If you are interested in sharing your career with our students, or know of someone who might be willing to speak to our students, please contact Kim Dodds in the school's office.

The membership agreed and voted upon sponsoring a Spring Carnival, to be held on Sunday,

April 21st. This carnival is open to all parishioners and ministries, we are in need of everyone's input and participation. Rumor has it that Christ the King, in the past, has held some great carnivals. We would like to bring the past to life, a day of fun and fellowship, a true memory-maker. Those of you who have been involved in past carnivals, smile when you recall the fun you had in the planning and participation of this event. I even hear tell that many great friendships were forged during the planning process. Today, we need your help. All ministries are encouraged to participate, as we need your input, your experience, and most importantly, your enthusiasm. Booths need to be built and decorated, games prepared and, of course, the menu planned. We have a few volunteers, but a great many more are needed. Let's come together as a family and create a fantastic day that no one will soon forget. This carnival needs YOU! Call Patti Sloan at 733-5835 or Gus Carlson at 645-6957, for more information.

The FSA looks forward to the second-half of the school year; there are more plans in the works. Parent and teacher involvement is crucial to the success of this association. It needs your involvement, your input, and your participation. A special thanks to our parishioners; your prayers and support are, as always, greatly appreciated.



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Prayer Service for Military Personnel



by Father Neil Carr

It has long been a practice in the Church to pray for others in special need of our prayer. Surely our prayers can be truly effective in this time of war for those who have volunteered to leave their circle of comfort and have joined the armed forces knowing full well the risks that are involved. During our war between the states Abraham Lincoln said, "I have often been driven to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go." Leaving the outcome to God as he did is important, and so we always conclude our prayer as Jesus did, "Not my will but Thine be done."

Let us remember that our prayers are best when they come from our *feelings*, not our head, because it is when we reveal our feelings to God that we are most candid, most genuine.

We don't have to be in any special place or posture to pray. Back in the 700's A.D. St. John Damascene wrote. "It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop...while buying or selling...or even while cooking." How else could we "pray constantly" as St. Paul tells us to do?

Our service men and women surely need our prayers at this critical time in our history, prayers for their safety and for victory in this war against terrorism. As I write these words there are 106 names on our prayer service list.

Until further notice, every second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. we have solemn Vespers and Benediction in the church where we pray for their safe and victorious return. The service lasts a little less than an hour and follows a ritual that has been in use for centuries in monasteries around the world.

People from other parishes have been invited to attend and pray for their loved ones as well. How many will respond remains to be seen. Let those who come be enriched by their attendance. Praying as a community is even more effective than praying alone. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." What an assurance Jesus gave us!



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