



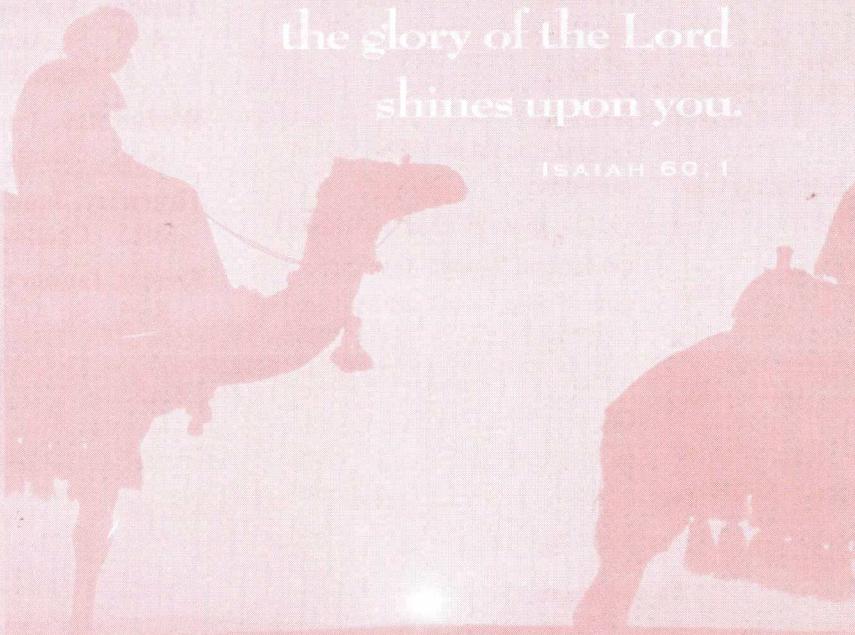
Clarion

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Rise up in splendor!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord
shines upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1



Feast of the Epiphany

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St Anne

Catholic Community

OUR MISSION

We, a Catholic Christian people rooted by Baptism, take as our challenge the mission of Jesus: to build the Kingdom of God, standing in solidarity with the poor. We are committed to:

- Welcoming** • *Welcoming* all people and providing a sense of belonging to people at every stage of life.
- Creating** • *Creating* a place of enjoyment, excitement and fun for people of all ages.
- Healing** • *Healing, reconciling and reaching out* in caring service to each other.
- Reaching Out** • *Serving* those in need, especially the broken, through generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.
- Serving** • *Gathering* at Eucharist and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church and the sacramental moments of our lives.
- Gathering** • *Telling and sharing* the Living Story of Jesus.

So challenged, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills us and empowers us so that we may become the Living Presence of Jesus in our contemporary world.

Resting in Peace

Lorraine Powell, wife of Robert and mother of Maria, Pia, Julia and Amy;
Robert Dunk, husband of Ann;
Robert Meyer, father-in-law of David Bataille

Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms

Saylor Grace **Swanson** (Kitty and Dale)
Sophia Terese **Viohl** (Natalie and Sean)

Remembering...

Monday, January 8th

9:00 St. Anne Purgatorial Society
Divine Protection—*Kevin Thobe*

Tuesday, January 9th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Arthur Kuhn—*The Kuhn Family*

Wednesday, January 10th

8:30 George Vasilakos—*St. Anne Home & School*

Thursday, January 11th

8:15 Cecilia Smith—*Jean Gaertner*

Friday, January 12th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Frances Lasanti—*John and Bobbie O'Brien*

Saturday, January 13th

Mass of Anticipation
5:15 Charlene Taylor—*Tom Taylor*

Sunday, January 14th

7:15 People of St. Anne
9:00 Daniel Leahy Jr.—*The Family*
Helen Walker—*Susan and Paul Cusumano*
Robert O'Grady—*Kirk Freundt*
Angela Dentamaro—*Nick and Roseann Santoro*
John Mikucki—*The Feeney & Kovalsky Families*
Josef Ceisel—*Marianne Lutz and Hans Brummer*
11:00 William Hood Sr.—*Mary and Bill Graft*
Frank Brunner—*Mr. and Mrs. John Brown*
Mark Reynolds—*The Koch Family*
Karen Ann Horschke—*Kathryn Annetti*
Mike Seerey—*Anne and Stephanie Ricke*
Betty and Bob Wagner—*61st Wedding Anniversary*
5:15 PFC Moran John—*Mom and Dad*

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for December 31, 2006

Adult Offering (475 envelopes) \$52,479.00
 Loose Cash \$1,921.00
 Pro-rated "Parish Pay" offering \$8,105.07
 (Weekly share of Monthly "Parish Pay"
 Automatic Checking/Credit Card Giving)

Youth and Children Offering (0 envelopes)..... \$0.00
 Grand Total..... \$62,505.07

Amount needed to meet Operating \$46,500.00
 Expense and Loan Interest Payments

Collection Excess..... \$16,005.07
 Sharing Contributions (44 envelopes)..... \$2,059.00

Past 4 weeks:

Average Weekly Offering..... \$59,483.20
 Average Weekly Excess \$12,983.20
 Total Excess..... \$51,932.80
 Fiscal Year to Date Shortfall (27 weeks)...(\$19,731.65)

Thanksgiving Appeal Total..... \$49,632.00

Christmas Collection: Contributions continue to be received. A full report will be included in next weekend's *Clarion*.

Building Debt as of January 2, 2007

Outstanding Loan Balance(s)..... **\$4,000,000.00**
 with Archdiocese*

* New balance - reflects December payments. We anticipate making an additional principal payment later this month.

Less Pledged Funds \$100,000.00
 Payable through 2008*

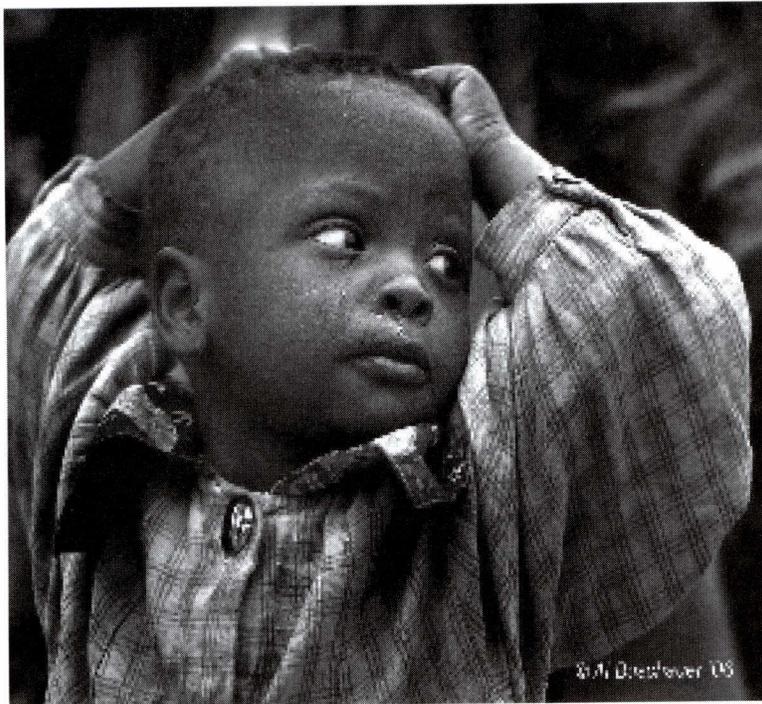
*Does not include \$427,201.00 in past due pledge payments as of November 29th, 2006.

Total long-term Parish Debt..... **3,900,000.00**

Monthly Interest Payment
 @ 4.28 % to 5.92%..... \$19,733.33

Monthly Debt-Reduction Collection (green envelope)
 Fiscal YTD (27 weeks)..... \$289,843.28

If you are considering paying off an existing pledge early and wish to know the balance due, or have questions regarding your pledge, please call **Carol Helmers** at **847.620.3051**.



Where will I be in 2008?

Reflections

BY SISTER LAURETTA LEIPZIG, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE AND DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

Amazement

Long ago there was a movie in which the main character had a dream. He dreamt that he had an endless litany of phantom illnesses. To calm his many fears, a stranger appears to him and presents a way out for him. The offer involved some unusual behaviors, but before they can be given the main character awoke from the dream. It was this dream, however, that forced him to realize that life is short; time is precious. He is a changed man and says, "Most people go through life asleep. But the ones who are awake live in constant total amazement."

Amazement! In the book, *Sacred Necessities*, Terry Hershey classifies amazement as a "sacred necessity." He asks the questions: Is amazement the standard quality only of a young child, wide-eyed and thrilled over so much in life? Was it amazement that prompted Moses to respond to the burning bush experience and know the awesomeness of standing in God's presence on holy ground?

Some may say that what we need is a book or a course on how to find amazement in life. Hershey believes amazement is not a learned skill. He refers to a magazine article "10 Places to Be Overwhelmed" and advises his readers that we do not need to go somewhere else to experience life in its fullness. Amazement is right there in our everyday living!! Try to recall a time when you knew that deep feeling of amazement. Perhaps you have experienced it as Hershey describes it.

"If you never have seen something before, analysis doesn't seem to do the trick. Only sitting still will do. There is an instinctive work of wonderment, as if all of the pores open to be more receptive, as if your body knows better than you do, that this is holy ground and whatever else you were doing can wait."

As Christians, we are confident of God's saving work in Jesus Christ. But then, if we are really Christians for whom neighbor knows no limits, we should be concerned about all people. Can people of every religion or of none be saved? We firmly believe that there is one mediator between God and the human race: Jesus. Yet, we also remember Jesus saying that God's house has "many dwelling places" (John 14:2). In this light, Catholicism has consistently held that all people can be saved by Christ through "baptism of desire." This is the proposal that all people who do God's will-as best they know it-have a virtual desire for baptism and thus are saved by their *implicit* faith in Jesus.

When explaining *how* all people are saved by Jesus and "associated with this paschal mystery," Vatican II simply said that the Holy Spirit brings this about "in a manner known only to God" (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, #22). Or, as Jesus himself said, "for God, all things are possible."

Everyday Catholic, St. Anthony Messenger Press

Every weekend is "invite a friend weekend." Just do it.

ST. ANNE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

St. Anne School Events



Ceremony of Presentation of the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award

Tuesday, January 9th
7:00 p.m.
School Gymnasium

Reception immediately following in the Gathering Space

Kindergarten Open House

Thursday, January 11th
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

See our kindergarten, meet our staff and join our St. Anne School family. Registration for the 2007/2008 school year will begin at this time.

(Adults only, please.)

Middle School Information Night

Tuesday, January 16th
7:00 P.M.

School Cafeteria

The focus of the meeting will be on the transition from fifth grade into sixth. While this information is most useful to parents of current fifth graders, anyone interested in knowing more about the middle school is invited to attend. A short open house will be held following the presentation to explore the middle school classrooms and see what the St. Anne School has to offer you and your child.



It's your turn to win big on blue.

St. Anne School Blue Ribbon Raffle

1ST PRIZE \$10,000
2ND PRIZE \$5,000
3RD PRIZE \$2,500

PLUS ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZE DRAWING

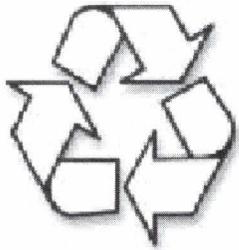
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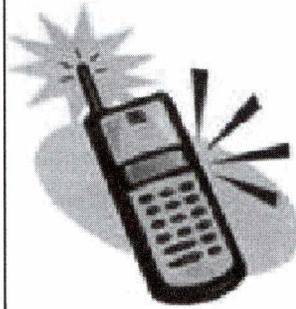
DINNER ON FEBRUARY 10, 2007

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT.
\$100 DONATION PER RAFFLE TICKET & ONLY 750 TICKETS TO BE SOLD
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. ANNE SCHOOL & CASH PRIZES SUBJECT TO TICKET SALES

TICKETS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES ON
JANUARY 13TH & 14TH & FEBRUARY 3RD & 4TH



Recycle Old and Obsolete Cell Phones



- Help the Elgin Community Crisis Center convert old phones into cash and offset higher utility costs in their shelter, which houses victims of domestic violence from surrounding communities.
- Keep cell phones out of landfills where they pose an environmental threat.

Most of us are just getting the hang of our cell phone features when the technology rudely catapults us forward. Most of the changes have been for the better...Remember the seven lb. bag phones...! But what do you do with the drawer in your house that serves as a graveyard for obsolete cell phones?

About Shelter Alliance

Shelter Alliance is a program of GRC Wireless Recycling (www.grcrecycling.com), a private sector company dedicated exclusively to socially responsible cell phone recycling. With over 2,000 active participants in 50 states, Canada, and Puerto Rico, Shelter Alliance is now the largest cell phone recycling program in the U.S. SA participants have earned over \$4,000,000.00 since 2001.

When we began our mission in 2001, we discovered that cell phone "fundraising" revenue was primarily funneled to national nonprofits, often leaving local organizations without their due share. Additionally, we found that large surpluses of phones often resulted from "911 emergency phone collections," leaving social service organizations with offices full of phones and no responsible recycling solution. Shelter Alliance was established to offer local community organizations a viable, profitable fundraising option. Four years later, we still hold true to our "founding principles:" accountability, individualized attention to each participant, and responsiveness.

During the month of January, Faithjustice offers you a possible solution: RECYCLE YOUR OLD CELL PHONES. Put your phones with their batteries in the baskets on the hearth in the Gathering Space. Please do not include accessories or adaptors and, if you are able, delete all phone numbers. Your old and obsolete cell phones will be turned over to Shelter Alliance who will refurbish, resell or recycle your discards.

All proceeds from this effort will benefit the Community Crisis Center, a shelter in Elgin, serving the survivors of domestic violence, including women and children from our own community. The Center receives anywhere from \$1.00 to \$30.00 per viable phone. The more current the phone, the better!

Your donation also serves environmental efforts to keep electronic equipment and batteries out of local landfills. Old cell phones are disassembled and parts are salvaged using eco-friendly methods.

LaFarge Winter Classes



LaFarge Lifelong Learning

Inspiration Through Continuing Education

Presented by the St. Anne Catholic Community

Try
something
new in
2007!

Adults 50 years and better are invited to pursue a new interest, advance a skill or brush up on a favorite hobby through St. Anne's LaFarge Lifelong Learning Program. Courses meet once per week for six weeks in the Senior Center at St. Anne's. Instruction is paced to the individual needs of each student to ensure a rewarding learning experience for everyone. *Come join the fun!*

★ Register THIS MONDAY, TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY ★

January 8th, 9th or 10th from 9:00 AM - 11 AM in the Senior Center

or by appointment at 320 E. Franklin Street

For more information, please call 847.381.5799.

Winter 2007 LaFarge Course Offerings

Class	Day/Dates	Time/Instructor	Fee
Beginning Computer 6 classes	Mondays 1/15 - 2/19	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mike Konie	\$30.00
Microsoft Outlook/Outlook Express 6 classes	Wednesdays 1/17 - 2/21	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mike Konie	\$30.00
Navigating the Internet 5 classes	Fridays 1/26 - 2/23	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Tom Huguelet	\$25.00
Digital Photography Basics Right Out of the Box 6 classes	Mondays 1/15 - 2/19	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Doug Jones	\$20.00
Digital Photography/Switch from Film Digital v. Film Techniques 6 classes	Wednesdays 1/17 - 2/21	6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Doug Jones	\$25.00
Digital Photography/Hobby Photo Advanced Features & Photo Shoots 6 classes	Thursdays 1/18 - 2/22	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Doug Jones	\$35.00
Woodcarving 6 classes	Wednesdays 1/17 - 2/21	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Jim Hoffman	\$20.00
Technique in Watercolor Painting Beginning & Advanced 6 classes	Thursdays 1/18 - 2/22	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Jim Kennedy	\$25.00