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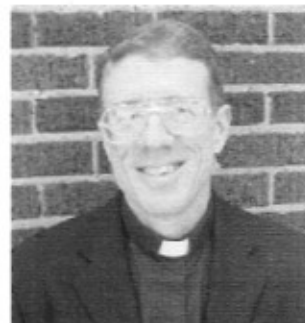


FROM OUR PASTOR, Father Mike Holloran

On September 29 the Church celebrates the three great Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. All three appear in Scripture. Raphael in the Old Testament Book of Tobit is the guardian of a journey and healer. Gabriel is well-known to us from the Gospel of Luke as the messenger who announces to Mary that she is to be the Mother of the Lord. But if we are to judge from the popularity of his name for boys, St. Michael is best known. He appears in Daniel as the guardian of the Jewish people. By extension Christians acknowledge him as a protector of the Church. In the Book of Revelation Michael leads the angelic host in their battle against Satan and his angels. The name "Michael" comes from Hebrew and means "Who is like God?" The question mark is important, making the name a kind of battle cry against those who would aspire to God's throne. Who is like God? No one. And so ambitious, self-worshipping Lucifer loses his place in heaven.

Michael is depicted in art as a soldier, with wings! A somewhat comic but also sad story involved one of my predecessors at OLR, who thought St. Michael too militaristic. It's comic in the mysterious disappearance of the statue's sword, its near recovery from its hiding place in the sacristy before

being spirited away by the pastor's secret ally. After the overthrow of the pastor (I am not here advocating the overthrow of pastors) a new sword was fashioned for Michael and he wields it today in St. Norman's chapel. The story is sad for the same reason it is comic: the juvenile failure to understand the symbolism of Michael's sword and the reality of the spiritual battle facing every Christian. What is our spiritual battle? It is to be faithful to God in a world that often is in rebellion against God. Sin is a rejection of God's reign over us, a repetition of Satan's doomed enterprise. Idolatry is the worship of something that is not God, perhaps the actual worship of Zeus or some other false god. I don't know anyone who worships Zeus, but I've met some who worship the Almighty Dollar. In fact there are lots of ways of getting priorities confused and giving absolute importance to something that is not absolute, a common form of idolatry. This can happen in the Church. How many times have Christians denounced, renounced, and pounced on each other over things that simply weren't that important—the date of Easter, the language to be used in the lit-



urgy, other human customs handed down that may have a legitimate place in religion but sometimes get clung to so fiercely that the will of God that we love one another and seek first His Kingdom is forgotten.

Idolatry. Sin. Betrayals from within the Church and attacks from without. In this world the Christian must be militant, not with invective or violence but with spiritual discipline and self-sacrifice. How appropriate, then, is still that prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander the earth seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

OLR FISH FRY SCHEDULE FOR 2010/2011



Mark your calendars!

September 17
October 8
November 12
January 14, 2011 (Monte Carlo)
February 11, 2011 (Monte Carlo)



Doors open at 5:30pm. You **must be 21 or older to attend.** For tickets, call Alice Shumaker at 222-2933 or the Parish Office, 228-8802. Tickets are \$13.00 each in advance and \$15.00 at the door.

MORE FISH!!

Sunday, September 19th and Sunday, October 10th there will be a family fish fry in the OLR basement following the 11:00 am Mass. Items will be priced Ala Carte.

SCRIP

The OLR Scrip Program has been running for more than seven years and generates more than a few thousand dollars a year for us. Scrip is an old word that means "substitute money." In this case, the substitute for money is in the form of gift cards. We buy the gift cards at a discount, sell them at their full value, and we keep the difference. It's easy to use while you dine, shop, and buy gas like you normally would without changing your favorite brands. Simply purchase any of the 100's of national and local retailers' gift cards that we can get and use that card to complete your purchase. Every week we have scrip in stock from popular restaurants like Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, O'Charley's, Texas Roadhouse, Subway, Wendy's; gas stations like Speedway and Marathon, and grocery/retailers such as Meijers, Wal-Mart, Kroger and GFS. We even carry CVS and movie tickets!

Some local parishes and schools really do make tens of thousand of dollars each year! We could do that with more participation. To take part in this great program, stop in the St. Norman's Chapel after the 5:00 pm Saturday or 11:00 am Sunday Mass. A wide variety of cards are available. Special orders can be placed and received in a few days if necessary! Please stop by or check out www.glscrip.com for more information. It is so easy to make your purchases work for you by generating money for our parishes without an extra single cent out of your pocket!

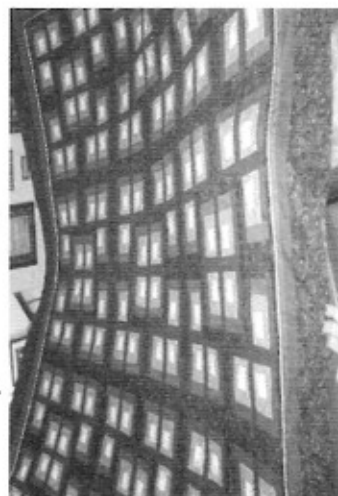


QUILT RAFFLE



The Quilters of our 4 parishes will have their beautiful king size quilt made in a star design on display after the Masses in August and September leading up to the drawing on September 19th at the Harvest Picnic. Chances are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased after the Masses or contact Paula Stibich at (937) 236-0928, Sharon Morrison at (937) 223-5588, or Susan

Cwiklik at (937) 236-1370. All profits will be used for our 4 parishes at Father Mike's discretion. The Quilt Group will begin meeting again on Tuesdays from in September from 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the home of Paula Stibich. New people are always welcome to join and experience is not required!



OLR STAFF CHANGES

This summer brought about some changes in the office. Sharon Pleiman and Anne Rusen have both decided to retire.

Sharon, has worked at OLR for 17 years and been the right hand of two Pastors. She will be missed. She will be here periodically assisting Barb Puterbaugh, who is now our full time secretary/bookkeeper.

Barb has worked in the OLR office for almost three years and is an absolute joy to be around. Always helpful and smiling, we look forward to having her with us full time.

Anne has been our Pastoral Minister for the past 7 years. She has run the RCIA program, started and facilitated the Bereavement Ministry, gotten Workers in the Vineyard off the ground, and been active in many other ways behind the scenes. Anne will continue to be involved but on a more limited volunteer basis. These two ladies have contributed much to benefit all of us in the four parishes and we are forever grateful.

Farewell

As you move into the next amazing chapter of your lives, know that you will be missed, know that our very best thoughts and wishes go with you. Come and visit us often—for this is farewell and not goodbye!

OLR/ST. ADALBERT ALUMNI BRUNCH

The annual OLR/St. Adalbert Alumni Brunch will be October 10, immediately after the 11:00 am Mass at OLR. The brunch will be held in the OLR school cafeteria and will feature the same popular fare we've presented for the last several years.



4 PARISH FAMILY NIGHT

Mark Your Calendar: 4-Parish Family Night dinner and games will be held in our newly remodeled OLR Basement on Saturday night, September 11 after the 5:00 Mass. Dinner is served and families bring their games and friends for this enjoyable evening. **Reservations are required by September 7** so we can order enough food. (228-8802) Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost. An addition to the evening will be an opportunity to meet several of the Coordinators who help with the ministries in the four parishes as well as an opportunity for you to volunteer your help with a ministry.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



Each year we celebrate Veteran's Day. This year we will again be honoring the Veterans from

our four parishes.

On Sunday, November 7th, we will begin with a special prayer for all Veterans at the 11:00 am Mass at OLR. A luncheon and short program will follow immediately in the undercroft.

All Veterans are invited to display any memorabilia, medals, photos, etc. and to share their experiences with us.

There is no charge for the luncheon however, donations are greatly appreciated!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRE FOR THE LUNCHEON! Please complete and return this RSVP no later than October 31st or contact the Parish Office, 228-8802.



YES, I/we will be attending the
Veteran's luncheon

_____ attending

I will be bringing items to display
(please circle) Yes/No



God of life and death, thank you for the sacrifice of so many for the safety of our country. May we continue to honor our veterans and their service for many years to come, and never let them be forgotten. Amen."

DAYTON INTERNATIONAL PEACE MUSEUM



Established in 2003 and located at 208 West Monument Avenue, the Peace Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 1 pm to 5 pm. Programs offered include permanent and traveling exhibits, interactive learning center, peace library, educational programming, peace research center, peace education and conflict resolution, forums with

speakers, movies, videos, performances, conferences and auctions. Come and visit the 3-story exhibit and activity center. Parking is free. Call the museum at (937) 227-3223.

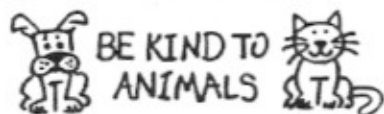
“WE MUST BE THE PEACE WE WISH TO SEE.”

Mahatma Gandhi



Mobile Unit

SOPHIE SPEAKS



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Monday, October 4th Father Mike will carry on the tradition of the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing the animals of the school children and parishioners of the four parishes. St. Francis had a special love for all of God's creation. Our pets are a special part of our lives and it is good to ask God to

bless them. Please join us on the front steps of OLR church at 1:30 pm for this special blessing.

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Bob Evans's Community Days

Our Community Days are the most consistent and most eagerly anticipated within our local Bob Evans. Counting repeat performance we

are the best in the region. We schedule them approximately six weeks apart, always on a Monday. The following is a summary of those so far.

- 1st—\$2413 in sales, \$362 for parishes
- 2nd—\$2277 in sales, \$342 for parishes
- 3rd—\$2280 in sales, \$343 for parishes
- 4th—\$2456 in sales, \$368 for parishes
- 5th—\$2622 in sales, \$393 for parishes
- 6th—\$2409 in sales, \$361 for parishes

7th—\$2441 in sales, \$366 for parishes

Total for parishes = \$2535!!

Thank you so much for your outstanding participation! Special thanks to Rick Jobe for organizing these events.

THANK YOU



Our Lady of the Rosary

Baptisms: Stella Young, De-lainey Goodstein, Chris Turner, Gabriel Henterly, Lorelai Hamilton, Sophia Schiml, Nancy Conaway, Ava Casey, Gabriel Vacchiano, Nathan Young.

Deaths: Mary Ann Evers, Leonard Schaaf, Mary Cotterman, Stella Stanik, Anna Marie Grant-Dix, Michael Smith, Burnette Dudley, Roberta Crisler

Number of registered families:
449

Number of individuals: 1059

Holy Cross

Baptisms: Gabriel Wetzell
Deaths: Jeannie Osburn
Number of registered families: 71
Number of individuals: 109

St. Stephen

Baptisms: Court Gabriel Toth
Deaths: Marie Palatas, Violet Robotyn
Number of registered families:
43
Number of individuals: 64

St. Adalbert

Deaths: Don Long, Dorothy Sieber, Rose Marie Wannamaker, Janet Huist, Stella Kola-kowski, James Pietrzak

Number of registered families:
100
Number of individuals: 149



OLR KITCHEN REMODEL



As of this writing, the kitchen remodel is well underway! The old equipment, shelving and cabinets have been removed and the new is ready to be installed. We have converted from electric appliances to gas which will make for easier clean-up, more efficient operation, and better cooking. By the time you receive this news-

letter, the kitchen will be complete! We would sincerely like to thank all those who have supported our efforts with prayers, time and financial contributions. It is truly impressive to see such outstanding response. Please continue to show your support as we have much more to accomplish to improve our church and grounds

Special thanks to; Todd Fisher of Todd Fisher Home Improvements, Greg Keller, Tony Presutti, Rick Collin, Red Pike, Restaurant Equipppers and USA Equipment Direct.



HARVEST PICNIC

Our 8th annual Harvest Picnic sponsored by our Inter-parish Team is Sunday, September 19th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Dayton Firefighters Activity Center on Needmore Road. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, games for the

children, a wonderful Polka band and the opportunity to relax and visit with family and fellow parishioners. Check out pictures from last year on our website at www.olrdayton.com.



Too much stress can wear anyone down. Fight back with an upbeat attitude, a sense of humor and relaxation strategies. Make time for family, friends, pets, your favorite activities and as many good laughs as possible. They're instant tension relievers! Surround yourself with fun people and you'll reap the benefits.

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Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, Polish Martyr

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, (YEAH-zhy, Pop-yeah-WHOOSH-koh), was a 37 year old priest who was kidnapped along with his driver on Oct. 19, 1984, by three secret police officers of the communist regime while returning from an evening Mass in Bydgoszcz. He was beaten, bound, gagged and stuffed in the trunk of an unmarked police car. He escaped when they pulled in at a secluded parking lot, but was captured again, beaten and stuffed in a sack weighed down with stones and thrown into the Vistula River. His driver managed to escape and tell about the priest's abduction. Fr. Jerzy's body was found two weeks later. In February 1985, four members of Poland's Interior Ministry were convicted of killing Fr. Popieluszko, but they were released early after controversial sentence revisions.

Fr. Popieluszko was well-known in Po-

land for his sermons defending human rights. Archbishop Muszynski of Gniezno said of him, "He wasn't a forceful speaker or political activist, but someone of deep conviction and integrity. His sanctity lay in an elementary righteousness that gave people hope even in the worst situations. He was a very simple, even shy person who knew what awaited him and was afraid, but nevertheless refused to betray the Gospel of truth." The Archbishop continued, "He stood on the side of the people struggling for a free Poland. This is why he had powerful opponents."

Fr. Popieluszko was born into a poor rural family at Okopy in northeastern Poland. He enrolled at Warsaw's Catholic seminary in September of 1965. He was ordained by Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski in May 1972. He

served as a chaplain to the Huta Warszawa steelworks when strikes in August 1980 led to the formation of the Solidarity union. His support of Solidarity put him in direct opposition to the communist government.

On June 6, 2010, the beatification of Fr. Popieluszko was celebrated with his 90 year old mother Marianna, his sister and brothers among the 140,000 attending including Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity movement. He is buried in the yard of St. Stanislas Church where he used to serve.

We invite all of our friends from all 4 parishes to join us on Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall where we will have a celebration honoring Fr. Popieluszko including a video about his life. This is in preparation for the Polish Heritage Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 17th at the 8:30 Mass at St. Adalbert's where a portrait of Fr. Popieluszko will be blessed and enshrined in the church followed by a brunch to which all are invited.