

SS. Edward & Lucy News

SS. Edward and Lucy Parish is a Catholic community in Eastern Geauga County

SEPTEMBER 2010

2010/2011 GENERATIONS OF FAITH

by Darla Hollowell

Want to deepen the understanding of your faith? Come to Generations of Faith! This year we are concentrating on Church Seasons and Feasts. Did you know that your Catholic education did not stop at Confirmation?

Generations of Faith is designed to enrich the understanding of your faith from cradle to grave. Generations of Faith is offered once a month from September through April.

These programs are offered on two different days to accommodate busy schedules, Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Take your pick.

We begin with a simple pot luck meal followed by an opening that concentrates on the lesson for the month. We then break out into smaller groups; the children go in age appropriate groups with a teacher to delve more into the topic of the month. The adults are enriched by a lesson from Fr. Burkley. There is something for everyone. Don't deprive yourself of the opportunity to learn more about your faith.

Our first session is Friday, September 10 from 6-9 p.m. at St. Edward's or Sunday, September 12 noon-3 p.m. also at St. Edward's. Our first session will be an overview of the liturgical calendar. Registration forms and schedules are located in the vestibule at both churches. If you missed the first session, know that you can join at any time. ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, please call Darla at 440-693-4094

September

"Church Year Overview"

St. Edward

Friday, 10th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 12th - Noon-3pm

October

"Identity of Christ - Title of Jesus"

St. Lucy

Friday, 8th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 10th - Noon-3pm

November

"Preparing for the Messiah"

St. Edward

Friday, 12th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 14th - Noon-3pm

December

"Christmas"

St. Lucy

Friday, 10th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 12th - Noon-3pm

January

"Becoming A Disciple"

St. Edward

Friday, 14th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 16th - Noon-3pm

February

"Living as a Disciple - Beatitudes"

St. Lucy

Friday, 11th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 13th - Noon

March

"Dying to Self-Lent"

St. Edward

Friday, 11th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 13th - Noon-3pm

April

"New Life in Christ-Triduum-Easter"

St. Lucy

Friday, 8th - 6-9pm

Sunday, 10th - Noon-3pm

POT LUCK SCHEDULE

September - St. Edward

A-F Main Dish

G-M Salads

N-S Vegetables

T-Z Desserts

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OCTOBER POLKA FEST

On October 17 our Parish community will hold our annual Polka Fest at St. Edward. This Parish and community event has become popular and eagerly anticipated by all ages. The Fest consists of a live polka band, polka mass and a pork chop dinner, all for \$15 per dinner. Take out dinners are available for \$12. The dinner will include a butterflied pork chop, sauerkraut, Polish dumplings, rye bread with dessert and drink. Also available at the Fest will be various homemade ethnic pastries and beer. There will be a baked goods sale, a 50/50 raffle and a micro mini Chinese auction.

The Fest will start with a polka mass with music from the Wayne Tomsic Orchestra. Reservations are not necessary for the polka mass. After the mass attendees will move to Rose Hall for the dinner/dance. The band will play while dinner is being served and continue until mid-afternoon. Dancing has been very popular not only with the older attendees but also with the children. At times you'll also see the actual workers taking part in cutting a little rug while they work at serving and clearing tables.

The Polka Fest has been one of the favorite events during the fall each year. There has been an increase in younger adults attending, in part as a result of the CETAP (Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Program) families who have taken ownership for putting on the Fest. The CETAP families are those families who have children in the local Catholic Education systems. The members who work at the Fest include usually both parents and their children who are attending Catholic schools. They all work very long and hard to make the Fest a success. The proceeds from their efforts will help to support expenses with sending their children to Catholic schools.

Any leftover dinners will be sold, with remaining dinners delivered to a number of our Parish shut-ins.

Check your bulletins, the church website and paper flyers for the October Polka Fest! Plan on attending and enjoying the fun and friendly faces while you dine and dance!

Thanks in advance to all the CETAP families, volunteers and office workers

for their help on this successful Parish/community event!

For questions, call the Church office at 440-548-3812.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS SET TO BEGIN

by Karen Morrow

Caring ministry at SS. Edward and Lucy Parish will be expanding soon as new members are set to begin Stephen Minister training August 28th at a "Get Acquainted" meeting, and an opportunity to receive their training materials. Our new class will take a short break for The Great Geauga County Fair and resume September 11th. At the completion of their training about the 1st week in December, they will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They will then join nine active Stephen Ministers in providing one-to-one care to individuals experiencing difficulties in life.

Among our team of nine Stephen Ministers, George Kovach and Louis Bodnar have just come back from a weeklong Stephen Leaders training session and join Karen Morrow and Lin Pleva as members of the leadership team.

"Stephen Ministry training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology," says George Kovach, who, along with Stephen Leaders Lin Pleva, Karen Morrow and Louis Bodnar, will teach the class. The training is top-notch. The skills our Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian care giving. The training is intense because it explores some serious life issues, but it is also a growth-producing and enjoyable experience.

The 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training is broken down into 14 sessions. Among the training topics are:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving

- Confidentiality
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Caring for People before, during and after Hospitalization

"Before becoming a Stephen Leader, I went through the Stephen Minister training myself," says Louis Bodnar. "I expected to learn a lot about care giving, but I didn't anticipate the personal and spiritual growth I experienced. Perhaps what I enjoy most is the close Christian community formed with everyone in our training class. Our new trainees are in for a rewarding experience."

More than a half-million people have gone through Stephen Ministry training in more than 10,000 churches worldwide since the ministry began in 1975.

"We're definitely part of something big," says Fr. Burkley. "The impact of Stephen Ministry on our parish has been tremendous. People whose needs might otherwise slip through the cracks are coming face to face with Jesus' love through their Stephen Minister. Our new class will help us touch that many more lives with the Gospel."

Members of our Stephen Ministry team will join our Ministry of Consolation in offering an All Souls Remembrance Ceremony in November. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, particularly in the past year, is invited to come and remember them in a brief ceremony. Family members are given the opportunity to come forward, state the name of the deceased, and light a candle in their memory.

A small reception with light refreshments is provided for fellowship afterwards.

Please lift up the training class, our newest Stephen Leaders and our Ministry of Consolation in your prayers over the coming months and look for regular training class updates in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 15. Please submit your articles to fastnfar@windstream.net.

MY LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY TO BORDEAUX, FRANCE

by Sarah Blakley

Before embarking on my year abroad in Bordeaux, France, I had but one goal in mind: to learn to speak French, and to speak it well. I had been told this experience would be an unforgettable adventure and a life-changing journey. Well, that was fine I thought, but let's just focus on the essential: as a French Translation major, I needed to improve my language skills. I had a fixed goal and considered but the end result. I now realize that sometimes the mind does not even attempt to fathom the beauty to be discovered in the future. Indeed, I learned more than just a new language.

Although I marveled at the excitement of living in a modern, metropolitan city counterbalanced by gorgeous vineyards in the world's largest wine-selling region, it will be the footprints of the individuals who touched my life that will remain with me forever. I was befriended by people of every nationality: French, Chinese, Moroccans, Africans, Europeans, and those from countries I never knew existed. I witnessed daily the hand of the Lord in the kindness of individuals placed in my path.

Furthermore, I discovered how individuals are connected to one another before every physically meeting. Regardless of what can be seen as dividing cultural lines, humor, kindness, compassion, and love nullify any exterior differences. I came to understand how in one instant of perfect timing, you can encounter those whom you were destined to meet. With God, there are no coincidences. I strongly believe we are put here to be angels for one another.

A wise French friend told me, "Sarah, life has always been this way, sometimes it is just not realized when you are at home." I could not agree more. This truly was a journey which began at home through the values and love instilled by my family. And yes, I can now confidently say, "Moi, je parle le français" ("I speak French").

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

by Maria Cocco

The Women's Club would like to invite women from SS. Edward and Lucy Parish to join us; we are always looking for new members.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM to plan various events to support our Parish both Spiritual and Social.

Just to give you a few examples of what we do, we have an annual Supper with Santa dinner. The annual spring event, our Mother Daughter Banquet, gives Mother, Daughters, Granddaughters, Grandmothers, etc. the opportunity to share an afternoon of food, fun and entertainment. We continue to get rave reviews and the fellowship is a true gift to the women of the parish. We also celebrate the Living Rosary in May and October honoring Mary. If you have never experienced this we strongly encourage you to attend this very prayerful experience. Everyone is invited to join us for the living rosary so bring your husband along.

We have various fund raising events to support these activities as well as some special goals to support our parish. Our goal over the next year is to raise money to purchase a new oven for St. Lucy's kitchen.

If you are interested in joining us or are not sure feel free to stop by any meeting night to experience this fun and dedicated group to support our Parish

The meetings are announced in the bulletin the week before. Or if you would like additional information please feel free to contact Maria Cocco at 440-286-7505.

KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and

ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16 BINGO Night in Rose Hall. Doors open at 5 pm, games start 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 2, Blessing of Pets, St. Edward Parking Lot, 2 pm

October 15, Father John has been our priest for 9 years

Sunday, October 17, Polka Mass and Fest, St. Edward, mass at noon, 1:30 pm
Dinner Dance in Rose Hall

October 21, BINGO Night in Rose Hall. Doors open at 5 pm, games start 6:30 pm

Come **Help Feed the Hungry** on the last Saturday of each month at the St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren. Contact the office for directions.

YOU'RE INVITED

Servants of Mary Center for Peace at 6601 Ireland Rd. in Windsor invites you to attend their "Celebration of Life and Light" on October 2, 2010. It will start at 4:00 pm with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary. At 5:00 pm will be Mass with Bishop George Murry of the Youngstown Diocese officiating. Food will be available as well as a talk by Deacon Ed on "Why First Saturdays?" At 7:00 pm the new movie on Fatima "The 13th Day" will be shown and the evening will conclude with a moving Candlelight Procession of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:30 pm. The crosses from HELP will be on display for this festival.

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