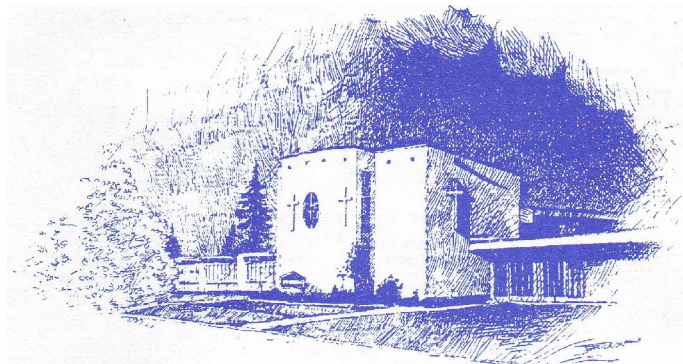

St. Mary's Parish



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Mon to Fri 7:20 am
(10 am on Holiday Mondays)

MORNING PRAYER

Mon to Fri 7:00 am

EVENING VESPERS

3rd Sunday of the month 4:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of disciples called together:
To share the life and mission of Jesus, to proclaim the word,
to celebrate liturgy,
to educate and to serve, to see justice and reconciliation.
We confirm the gifts given by Christ to enable each person
to actively participate in the mission of the Church.
We are thus the living Body of Christ,
in an ever changing world.

PARISH STAFF

Richard Beaudette, OMI	Pastor
Giselle Jakobs, MDiv	Pastoral Associate
Roberta Chartrand	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Jeannine Walker	Parish Secretary

SCHOOL STAFF

Brent Arsenault	Principal
Jacqueline Boyes	School Secretary
School Phone	563-7502
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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 25/26, 2007

VISION OF INITIATION MINISTRY CONFERENCE



**The North American Forum
on the Catechumenate presents
a two day conference for anyone
involved in the initiation of children,
youth or adults.
You can register for either conference.**

**September 19-20, 2007
(Wednesday/Thursday)**

OR

**September 22-23, 2007
(Saturday/Sunday)**

Location: Diocesan Centre.
Cost: \$150 per person (includes confer-
ence fees, two lunches, one supper,
snacks)—Bursaries available
Full brochures are available from the
parish or you can contact
the Diocesan Centre at 964-4424

1088 Gillett Street, Prince George, B.C. V2M 2V3

Office Hours—Mon to Fri—8:00 am-11:30 am AND 12:30 pm-4:30 pm (3:00 on Fridays)

Telephone—564-4097 Fax—562-3540 After Hours Emergency—562-4921

Email—stmarys.parish@shawcable.com

Web—www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sat	Aug 25	7:00 pm	RIP Amelia & Pat McGraw
Sun	Aug 26	9:00 am	For the People of our Parish
		11:00 am	RIP Mary & Elizabeth Pellizzari
Mon	Aug 27	7:20 am	RIP Lucille Pypher
Tue	Aug 28	7:20 am	RIP Jean Caufield
Wed	Aug 29	7:20 am	RIP Norma Poochsachoff
Thu	Aug 30	7:20 am	Lay Led Liturgy
Fri	Aug 31	7:20 am	RIP Gregory Tam
Sat	Sept 1	7:00 pm	RIP Mary Koenen & Pauline Hockley
Sun	Sept 2	9:00 am	RIP Odiane & Hermel Michaud
		11:00 am	For the People of our Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers the following people who are sick and suffering: Gordon Meyer, Leo Comtois (Rose-Marie Seager's brother), Dick Neville, Ron Roth, Andrew Becker, Simone Dauvin, Rose French, Judy Nelson (Rose Palfy's niece), Judy Nelson (sister of Ann Robertson), Andy Peters, Chris Teichrob, Greg Gutfriend, Jeannette Hoksbergen, Merlin Sullivan, Ann Whyte, Denise Cote, Helen Roberts, Joseph Glasser, Beverly Teegee, Teddy French, Nick Palfy, Kai Peterson, Henry Alexander, Suzanne LeFebvre, Anne Beaudette, Mary Pfliger, Becca Kennedy, Valerie Kabai, Cyril Abreau, John and Emilia Mauro, Peter Morris, Josephine Nykoluk, Sr. Margaret Quinn, and her sister, Detta Quinn.



PLEASE NOTE: Our prayer list will be updated every month. If you wish a family member or friend to remain on the list, please call the parish office before the end of each month. If a family member or friend falls ill, please call the parish office to have them added to our prayer list.

DONATIONS FROM LAST WEEK



Regular Envelopes	2910.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>371.00</u>
Total	3281.00
St. Vincent de Paul	421.16

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE

Please call 964-4475 to register for programs, or check out our website: www.geocities.com/domanorenewal

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Retreat Days for Artists—Sept 8&9

Loss and Grief Group-Afternoon Sessions—Sept 10 to Oct 29
Gospel of Luke—Sept 11 to Oct 16

Please see the bulletin boards at the church entrances for more information on these programs.



YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group begins again on September 9th from 7 to 9pm in the gym!!! Anyone in grades 7 to 12 is encouraged to come... Bring all your friends and let's party with games from LA Promotions! See you there!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008—SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

An information session will be held on Wed, Sept 12 at 7 pm at the Diocesan Centre. Contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424 for more information. Returnable beverage containers can be donated toward World Youth Day 2008 fund-raising efforts at BBK Bottle Depot, 2629 Vance Rd. Donations will support participants from Prince George. Contact Joe Glaab at 964-4424 for more information.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MAKE ROOM FOR GOD—BOOK DISCUSSION

Does your life seem overly hectic and full? Are you having trouble making room for God? This fall, we are offering a book discussion to help us make room for God. Begins October 4 at 10 am. Sorry, no evening session yet... The parish has ordered 10 of the books. If you're interested, give Giselle a call at the parish office and reserve/purchase your copy today!

PARABLES OF JESUS—BIBLE STUDY

Do the parables sometimes leave you more confused than when you started? This fall we are going to take a look at some of Jesus' parables. Begins September 26 at 10 am or 7 pm. The parish has ordered 12 of the resource books. If you're interested, call Giselle at the parish office and reserve/purchase your copy!

SENIOR'S TEA & SOCIAL

We would like to offer/host a regular gathering for senior members of the community. This could take the form of an afternoon tea and social, a soup and bun lunch, some prayer time, some teaching or information sessions, or anything that those gathered would like. It would be in the wheel-chair accessible Conference Room during the daytime. We would try to organize car pooling and rides. This is meant to serve the needs of members of the parish and help build community, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact us (phone or email Giselle or Richard, or write us a note and drop it in the collection basket.)

TABLE FOR YOU...AND YOUR FRIENDS

St. Mary's Parish extends an invitation to all UNBC and College of New Caledonia students to a dinner on Friday, Sept 21 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be served in the gym of St. Mary's School (1088 Gillett Street). There is no 'hook' attached to the invitation – we simply want to extend our hospitality to students of these two institutions. Bring your friends! If anyone is planning to come for the dinner, please contact the parish office – 564-4097, fax 562-3540, or rabomi@shawcable.com before September 17 and leave your name and the number attending. We will have a table reserved for you!

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next session is coming up Sept 10 & 11. Please call the parish office to register.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

Please join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday Aug 26 at 2:00pm as we pray for the unborn.

SINGLE AGAIN

A new season begins for adults who find themselves **Single Again after separation, divorce or death of a spouse**. The group meets Thursday, September 13th at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Lower Church from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sessions include a brief lecture, small group sharing and refreshments in a caring atmosphere. "Single Again" brochures with the full year's schedule are available in your parish. Facilitated by Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP, RMFT. September's Topic: "Living Life With a Confidence I Don't Always Feel".

TEACHER'S AIDE—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception School is looking to hire a teacher's aide (mornings) for the 2007-2008 school year. This position will be primarily for the Kindergarten classroom. Experience with early childhood education and/or working with students with special needs would be an asset. Resume, with letter of application, should be forwarded to: The Principal, Immaculate Conception School, 3285 Cathedral Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5R2.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS HELP

Help is urgently requested for the sandwich line Monday or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. A two hour commitment once a week to help serve coffee and sandwiches to those who are in need. We are especially in need of a man volunteer for Monday nights. Please phone Joy at 564-4148.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul society would like to thank all parishioners of St. Mary's parish for their continuing generosity to the society.

SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

Over the summer, the school has been doing some renovations. As a result, they have a lot of children's school desks to give away. The desks are free, but a donation would be appreciated.



OBLATE PARISH MISSION RETURNS AGAIN

It's time to rekindle the flame!!
October 14,15,16, 2007

You are invited to enjoy again the music, preaching, drama and ritual of the Great Assemblies led by the Oblate Parish Mission Team: Fr. Al, Br. Louis and Ed & Natalie Schrader.

As we **Kindle our Faith Fire** again this fall, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Great Assemblies each evening at **7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish**, celebrate reconciliation each afternoon, share in an hour of silent adoration each afternoon, celebrate the anointing of the sick and enjoy again this wonderful opportunity to gather as a Prince George Catholic Community. Mark your calendars now!



BISHOPS APPEAL TO YOUR GENEROSITY

The annual *Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada* will take place on Sunday, 30 September 2007. The monies raised help in large part to finance the activities of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB).

The CCCC offers the Bishops across Canada the opportunity to collaborate in diverse pastoral responsibilities at both the national and international levels. The CCCC also provides the Bishops with a forum to discuss the life of the Church as well as major current issues. The Bishops of Canada thank you in advance for your generous contribution. More information available at www.cccb.ca or cecc@ccb.ca.

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all the children who generously share their resources with the Holy Childhood Association. The donations given by the children provide other children with food, clothing, shelter, spiritual formation, health care and education. Of the 37 Canadian dioceses contributing through the Association, the children of the Prince George diocese were fourth highest in their giving! This is truly "Children helping Children".

FLOODS IN SOUTH ASIA

About 25 million people in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan are facing hunger, homelessness, disease and loss of livelihood in the face of major flooding.

Development and Peace is accepting funds to give emergency assistance to the victims of these floods. Contributions can be made by telephone (1-888-664-3387), or via the Internet. Please designate your donations to: Emergency: South-Asian Flooding 2007. Donations can also be made by cheque (marked "Emergency: South-Asian Flooding 2007") at the following address: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal (Québec) H3G 1T7.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU

Development and Peace is currently accepting monetary donations to assist victims of the Aug 15 earthquake in Peru. Water, electricity and phone lines all collapsed and hospitals in Pisco, Chincha and Ica are not functioning effectively. The full-scale of the disaster still isn't clear, especially inland. So far, the earthquake has claimed the lives of more than 600 people, while thousands have been injured or have lost their homes and also their way of making a living. Local reports say at least 85,000 people have been affected. Hundreds of people were buried in the rubble of churches where they gathered for the Feast of the Assumption. Local hospitals and emergency units are completely overstretched. Development and Peace is working in partnership with Caritas Peru, which has already set up feeding centres in a number of locations. It is currently evaluating how best to direct funds and support. The generosity of Canadians is urgently needed and much appreciated. **Donations can be made by: Telephone:** 1-888-664-3387, **Online:** www.sos.devp.org, **Mail:** 1425 René-Lévesque W, 3rd Floor, Montréal, QC H3G 1T7. Note on your cheque: "Earthquake-Peru" For more information visit the D&P website: <http://www.devp.org>

TEACHING POSITION—WILLIAMS LAKE

Qualified teachers are invited to apply for a 1.0 F.T.E. continuing position for a Grade 6/7 class at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Williams Lake. Call 250-398-7770.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SURVIVAL KIT

There are a few things that make the first months at college or university tricky: **(1)** You're far away from everything and everyone familiar, **(2)** There's no one to keep you accountable and true to the person you have always been and **(3)** You're learning to set your own limits. It's easy to get overwhelmed. Here are some tips and tricks to help you avoid the most common pitfalls.

1. **Be generous with your friendship but stingy with your trust.** You trust your old friends because they've proven themselves trustworthy. Wait a few months before you trust your new college friends.
2. **Go to class!** Seems obvious, it IS why you're at college but you wouldn't believe how many first-years skip their way out of school. Figure out how much it costs for you to sit in that chair per hour. Expensive, isn't it!
3. **For the first few weeks practice living like a monk: chastity, poverty and obedience.** Don't jump into bed with someone your first weekend. Don't blow all your money the first weekend. Go to class!
4. **Sleep is good.** Sleep! At night! Daytime sleep screws up your body clock and your ability to attend your very expensive classes. Lack of sleep also impairs judgment, leads to depression, anxiety and reduced physical health.
5. **Get involved, but not too involved.** Campus activities and organizations are a great way to expand your horizons and connect with other students who share your interests. Be choosy and don't over commit yourself.
6. **Living with a weirdo.** Try to maintain a positive relationship with your new roommate. You may not spend every waking moment together but you can still offer each other a little sympathy after a hard day.
7. **Homesickness can be tough but one of the worst ways to fight it is by heading home for the weekend.** Stick it out for one more weekend and make the effort to get out and do something. If you go home every weekend, you'll feel even more isolated on Sunday evening. Try a nice long phone call home first!
8. **Helpful people are standard on every campus!** There are any number of folks to help you through: health services, counseling, your academic advisor, your RA. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it!
9. **Find out about campus ministry.** Many campuses have great Catholic parishes and staffs that can both comfort and challenge you in your faith.
10. **Be yourself and take time to reflect.** College is a great opportunity to reinvent yourself but don't go too far. You're still you and it's gotten you this far! Your values, your likes and dislikes, the things you're good at haven't changed, hang onto those things.
11. **Friendships.** After your first week reassess your new friendships. Do it again after your first month. If the friends you connected with initially don't seem to be a good fit, widen your circle, and keep meeting new people.
12. **Too much of a dangerous thing.** If you're getting wasted every weekend, you're headed for trouble. If you're missing class because you're hung over, you're in trouble. Underage drinking is a bad idea. Don't do it.
13. **Psych 101.** The college environment, little sleep, no supervision, a lack of people who know what "normal" is for you can all add up to danger when it comes to addiction or mental illness. If you find yourself behaving in ways that are contrary to your values or feel like you're in the bottom of an emotional pit and can't get out – get to the counseling center!
14. **Go to class!**

15. **Dating, relationships and sex on campus.** Campus relationships can be a bit of a minefield. Be particularly cautious in those first few weeks when everyone's still adrift. A romantic fling early in your first semester can mess up your head not to mention your grades.
16. **A few words about religion.** There will be lots of different ideas floating around campus. It's one of the best things about the college atmosphere and an open mind is a great thing to bring with you. However, if you find yourself in a conversation about God that leaves you feeling defensive, don't feel like you have to keep talking or listening. Just because you're not a good arguer that doesn't make you a bad Christian! Bring your questions back to someone you trust.
17. **Wash your hands!** Your mother was right. Studies have shown it's the single best way to avoid getting a bug.
18. **Learn how to be a college student.** Organizing your time and using it effectively, utilizing study groups, the library and all the different learning centers and resources available on campus is a whole new skill set for most people. Seek out other students who are good at these skills and imitate them.
19. **Remember the HALT method of keeping your act together.** Don't let yourself get too... - **Hungry.** Skipping meals messes with your mood and your appetite. **Angry.** Manage your emotions, take a walk, work out, talk to a friend and especially don't drink when you're angry! **Lonely.** Stay connected to your support network. Call your mother! IM your old friends, e-mail your youth minister/pastor/mentor. **Tired.** If you find yourself weepy all the time, impose a strict bedtime on yourself and see if that doesn't improve your mood. All-nighters are a bad idea.
20. **Pray.** Whether you're an experienced or novice pray-er, now's a great time to do it. Your understanding of who God is and how God works will most likely change a lot over the next few years. Prayer can keep you centered, calm and ready to deal with everything life is throwing at you right now.
21. **Food – Finding the balance.** Doritos is not a food group. When you head into the dining hall the first time you may be dazzled by the array of choices but make sure that what ends up on your plate has some balance to it. Try not to skip meals; you can end up overeating at the next meal. Drink water not soda. The other extreme: Eating disorders. Watching your weight can easily become a dangerous obsession that will distract you from your goals just as surely as any other addiction! Talk to a counselor!
22. **Are you earning your BA or your IM?** Whatever your game system, favorite online RPG, or electronic distraction is, be careful! That harmless looking little X-Box can be your education's worst nightmare. It should stay in the closet and only come out on weekends after your paper is written!
23. **All work and no friends.** Make sure you take time to tend your relationships – the old ones and the new ones. Parents can be one of your most important supports right now. Take time with new friends to really get to know each other and keep in touch with friends from back home.
24. **Don't be afraid, just be smart!** There's a lot to think about its true, and a lot to be cautious about, but this is also the opportunity of a lifetime. You don't have to be afraid, just be aware!
25. And did I mention, go to class?

Adapted from Nora Bradbury-Haehl at www.bustedhalo.com

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

LAY FORMATION ALUMNI

A new season of Lay Formation is starting this fall. We'd like to invite all Lay Formation alumni to take a look at your neighbours in the pews. Do you think they might be a good candidate for Lay Formation? Suggest it to them!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

It's almost September and time for school to start! Our religious education classes will begin on Tuesday, September 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will be held the previous Tuesday, September 11, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. You can also drop in at the Parish Office to register. Please bring your child's baptism certificate. And remember, Religious Education classes are FREE!

LECTOR RESOURCE

Any lectors who would like to receive a copy of the 2008 Lector Workbook may pick up a copy in the sacristy after Mass (limited supply).

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES

We have 15 extra copies of the 2007 directories for sale (\$10) at the parish office. We still have some copies of the old 2000 directory available for free at the back of the church.

PARISH CALENDAR ONLINE

We have created an online calendar of parish events on our website. You can see what's coming up for the next few months. Take a look and let us know what you think! We'll continue to have the two week calendar below for those of you who may not be web-savvy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again in September. Is there anyone out there who would like to help? Let us know!! Children's Liturgy of the Word is a chance for the children to hear the Gospel proclaimed at their level. They are then invited to reflect on the Gospel with help from the leader, learning what it can mean for them in their lives today.

We welcome all children between the ages of 4 and 8. We also welcome any parent helpers who would like to come out with their children and assist us! Phone Giselle at the parish office if you're interested in helping.

SISTERS OF MERCY

On August 25, the Sisters of Mercy in Callan, Ireland, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first five sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Prince George. The Sisters first lived in Ft. St. James and came to St. Mary's Parish in 1960. We thank God for their many years of dedicated service and pray that God will bless their community abundantly.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our last meeting was August 23. We reviewed the West Lake camping weekend, discussed the Table for You...and your Friends event that we are putting on for students of UNBC & CNC. We also decided to contact/invite specific people to serve on a hospitality committee and on Parish Pastoral Council. Hopefully we'll get a generous response!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This fall, we are once again embarking on a combined RCIA process with Sacred Heart Cathedral and Immaculate Conception Parish. Our formal sessions of the catechumenate will begin October 22. In the meantime, we would like to invite anyone who has thought about becoming Catholic, to give us a phone call. We'd love to hear from you. This is a chance to dip your toe in the water and see if Catholicism is for you. Please phone Giselle at the parish office—564-4097.

THEO-TIDBITS—HOW TO PLAN A FUNERAL

Last fall, we offered a Theo-Tidbits session entitled "How to Plan a Funeral". It was a very popular session and we thought we'd offer it again this fall. If you have questions about any aspects of a Catholic funeral, why not come out and bring your questions with you! We are offering a two-part series on Tuesday, September 11 and Thursday September 13. Both sessions are in the Parish Office Meeting Room and begin at 1:30 p.m. Phone Fr. Richard for more information—564-4097.

Being An Example of the Jesus Ways

Jesus teaches today that entry to the Kingdom of God has a narrow door. If we miss the call to be with others, serve others, meet the needs of those who suffer, we may not be recognized by Jesus as belonging to the ways of the Kingdom. Could I wear a tee shirt with the words: "Follow this way to the Kingdom of God!"

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Aug 26	Mon Aug 27	Tues Aug 28	Wed Aug 29	Thurs Aug 30	Fri Aug 31	Sat Sept 1
				7:30 pm—Prayer Group	7 pm—AA	

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun Sept 2	Mon Sept 3	Tues Sept 4	Wed Sept 5	Thurs Sept 6	Fri Sept 7	Sat Sept 8
	Labour Day 10 am—Mass	School Starts		7:00 pm—PPC 7:30 pm—Prayer Group	7 pm—AA	

AROUND THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

Baptism preparation sessions for the parents of infants, are held about every two months. Please contact the parish office for more information. Next session September 10 & 11. Please phone to register!

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We have revised our baptism preparation program for older children. Parents who wish to have their child baptized (age 5 to 12) are asked to register their child in the Religious Education program. During the year they will have special sessions that will prepare them for baptism. Children in Grade 2 and up will also receive preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. Please phone Giselle at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

In the Diocese of Prince George, Confirmation and First Communion are celebrated together in Grade 2. Our sacramental preparation programme usually begins in January or February for the children in St. Mary's School and for the children attending Religious Education classes. For more information, please phone Brent at the school or Giselle at the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Various options for marriage preparation are available. Please make an appointment with the pastor, at least 6 months before your intended wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual reconciliation may be celebrated on Saturday evenings between 6:15 & 6:45 p.m. or by appointment. Communal celebrations of the sacrament are generally held during Lent and Advent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith. Come and join us! We meet Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. For more info call Giselle at the parish office 564-4097. Our catechumenate sessions will begin October 22.

PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK, ELDERLY & DYING

If you or anyone in your family is sick, elderly or home bound, and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick or a pastoral visit, please give us a call.

FUNERALS

Please contact the pastor before making final arrangements with the funeral directors.

FAITH EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are held every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the school. These classes are for the children of our parish who attend public school and who would like some faith formation. Please call Giselle at the parish office for more information. 564-4097

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The children celebrate their Liturgy of the Word with their adult leader and are given a chance to hear and reflect on the readings at their own level. We are on summer break right now!

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

Terry Hawkes

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Joan Craig

Chair, Finance Council

PARISH GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL is open to all ladies of the parish. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room (Freeman St. Entrance) at 7:00 p.m. Please phone Barb Marwood (563-0846), Carmen Foucher (564-8091) or Estelle Bachand (964-3836) for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (COUNCIL 5246)

The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. Our General Meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. The Executive meeting is on the first Wednesday of each month, also in the Conference Room. For more information, phone 964-6785 or 561-9225.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please call Bernie or Aime Trotter at 564-8943 for more information.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Drop-In Centre is located at 1220—2nd Avenue. We are open:

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sat, Sun & Hol 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Phone 564-7871

Our Thrift Store is located at 1180—3rd Avenue. We are open:

Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone 562-5136

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Shepherd's Corner is a place where people who are experiencing challenges can gather, share their stories and be heard. Our volunteers provide a listening ear and a compassionate heart. We provide prayer and agency referral to our guests. When possible, we journey with patients in the hospital or those who are dying at Hospice House. We also help women on the street to discover that they are loved. We offer coffee, tea and basic personal items to about twenty people a day. Your time as a volunteer and/or donation of the following items is greatly appreciated: toothpaste, shampoo, soap, skin cream, combs, socks, pens, pencils, etc). Thank you and God bless.

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is a peer support program for children, teens and adults who have experienced a loss in their lives because of a death, separation, divorce, abandonment or any painful transition in their family. Sessions usually begin in September and January and fill up quickly. For a registration form and schedule, please contact Ursula Morris at 563-5584 or Sr. Margaret Quinn at 562-2817.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Brian Bulgin, a registered counselor, offers counseling services out of the Domano Renewal Centre for couples and individuals. Please call 964-4475 for more information.

Sr. Tarianne deYonker, OP, a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist, offers counselling for individuals, couples and families. She can be contacted at 964-4424 Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 for an appointment. One need not be Catholic to receive these services. Care will be taken to make the service affordable.