

# THE VOICE

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fall 2001

## We're gearing up for the block party

By Barbara Salsini

**Y**ou probably went to at least one of the big events in Milwaukee this summer— Summerfest, the Circus Parade, a Brewers game, or one or more of the city's great ethnic festivals. But it's very probable that you'll have more fun at SS. Peter and Paul's third annual block party, from 3–10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

No, we won't have mega rock stars or national TV coverage, and don't expect sausage races, circus wagons or

huge raffle prizes (though our top \$1,000 prize is pretty respectable).

As in previous years, Bishop Richard Sklba guarantees good weather—so let's hope that, in this case, bishops are infallible.

"We've got Bishop Sklba in charge of the weather," said Co-Chair Bobbie Sanders. "That's his only job."

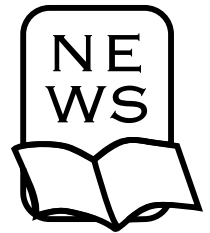
Again, tents will be set up N. Murray Ave., between Bradford and Greenwich.

Wisely, the planners of the 2001 event have kept pretty much to the original template. Lots of brats, hamburgers,

hot dogs, soft drinks and beer, along with homemade pastries and Alterra coffee. Fun for kids, including a magic show at 5 p.m. and face painting. Tables offering information on parish ministries.

Paul and Fred Stolz and their wacky accordion-guitar-singing duo have been invited back, followed at 6 p.m. by local band Five Guys with Day Jobs, starting at 6 p.m.

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## A happy ending for Child Care story

**I**t was a cliffhanger of a story, but it has a happy ending. In June 2000, the SS. Peter and Paul Parish Council decided it would end the parish's Child Care Center a year later, by June 30, 2001. Housed in the Cramer Building, the center had always caused some confusion because, although its name was taken from the parish, it did not offer a Catholic program.

The Child Care Center Board agreed, but then faced two problems: Who would take over the program and, more crucially, where would it go?

The months dragged on, with many meetings and many discussions, but no resolution. June 30 was looming closer and closer.

Jeff Krill, head of the council

committee working on the problem (along with Jennifer Miswald, Bill Lipscomb and Fred Stoltz), came to the same conclusion as Father Tom Brundage: At the end of May it appeared that the parish would have to close the center entirely.

Then, a turnaround.

"Members of the Child Care Center Board became involved and by the end of the first week of June they had accomplished everything," Krill said.

They discovered that the center could merge with Ragamuffin, another child care service, which is housed at St. Rita's Parish. The merger is expected to take place by Sept. 30. Until then, it will remain in the Cramer building under a written lease signed on June 28. The name of the new entity running the

program is the East Side Children's Learning Center, headed by Lori Sandine, president, and Michelle Gall, executive director. A new name will be given once the merger with Ragamuffin occurs. (And St. Rita's will gain because it will rent more space to the center.)

"I think what's most amazing is that for months it wasn't clear how this was going to work, and there was a real desire to make it work," Krill said. "Both Ragamuffin and SS. Peter and Paul child care centers have strengths and weaknesses, and this merger will make the new center stronger.

"I was talking to Jane Orr (pastoral associate for administrative services) and we both said, 'The Holy Spirit worked here.'"

# Desserts weren't the only good things

By Paul Salsini

**M**arguerite Hanus, who was a guest, thought it was “just lovely.” Jane Schieffer, who was a host, found the people “very interesting.” And Paul Carrier, who was a guest, found the evening “wonderful.”

They were among the sampling of people who talked about the parish Community Dinners that were held on June 23. The informal dinners were started last year to allow parishioners to get to know each other over some good food and with good conversations. There were dinners at seven homes this year, with about fifty people signed up.

Although fund-raising isn't a major part of the dinners, those attending were asked to contribute the equivalent of a dinner out. This year, \$553 was contributed to the parish.

Hanus went to the dinner at the home of Colleen Kasper in Cedarburg.

“She had the most delicious meal, salmon Florentine. Everybody brought something. Father Joe brought rolls, I brought a tossed salad. It was just charming.

“We talked and talked and talked. About everything. I told them I was in centering prayer and this was new to them. Father Joe talked about the parish.

“At the end of the evening everybody gave each other hugs even though we had never met before that night. I certainly want to go again.”

For her part, Kasper said it was “an absolutely delightful” evening and “a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and get to know them better.” Unlike Hanus, who has been a member of the parish for years, Kasper joined last November.

She said one of the nicest touches was the prayer provided by the parish and read at all the dinners. “The idea that



*Among those enjoying a Community Dinner at the home of Barbara and Paul Salsini were Tom Klein, David Lucke, Carrie Hahn, Barbara Prendergast and Sister Wanda Sheber.*

everyone was saying it at the same time on the same night was so neat.”

Kate Clyne, who brought a salad to her dinner, said it was the first time she had attended a dinner like this and met other parishioners for the first time. On the other hand, Steven Shea didn't know anyone else at the dinner last year but this year knew everyone. “We talked a lot. I've known these people for years and years and years.”

Gathering people who don't know each other could provide some awkward, though humorous, moments. When Schieffer was arranging her dinner, planning to have roasted pork chops, she thought it would be nice if Paul Carrier would bring, oh, some apple sauce to go with it.

“When he told us at the dinner that he teaches culinary arts at MATC, I almost fell off my chair,” she said.

But Carrier gave the meal a four-star rating.

“They did a wonderful job,” he said. “And the best part was the desserts, banana cream pie and strawberry pie, and we had some of each.”

Carrier, who started attending SS. Peter and Paul two years ago, said, “It was a great experience to meet other parishioners, to hear everyone's life story and the history of the parish. I hope they do it again. Maybe even twice a year.”

Kasper wishes more people would participate.

“Maybe people feel a little intimidated, inviting people to come to your house, or going to a house where you don't know people. But it's really a safe environment, nonthreatening, in which to stretch yourself socially. There was real nice give-and-take among everyone. I really would like to see more people involved.”

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# Reaching out to assist the needy

By Priscilla Tolan

**P**arish members are not the only ones asked to tithe a portion of their income to help those less fortunate than themselves.

“Parishes have the same responsibility, to return to God a portion of the goods they have been graced with,” said Paul Stoltz, chair of the SS. Peter and Paul Outreach Committee. “SS. Peter and Paul has been blessed with people and resources that enable us to function as a parish. Tithing a portion of our income to groups or individuals not reached by parish-sponsored programs or regular collections is one way for the parish to model Christian service.”

The Outreach Committee was formed in 1990 in response to a request from the Milwaukee Archdiocese that each parish adopt a stewardship plan. At SS. Peter and Paul, that means all cash placed in the collection baskets on the fourth Sunday of each month—generally between \$300 and \$500—goes to support an outreach program.

Stoltz and his fellow committee members, Tom Bray, Sylvia Buckman and Susan Lex, meet monthly to evaluate requests for aid and make recommendations on how the money should be distributed. The Church and Society Commission, a standing committee of the Parish Council, approves each expenditure.

Stoltz said the grants, averaging between \$500 and \$1,000, are awarded to programs or groups that provide direct service, advocacy or empowerment to those in need. To be eligible for funds, a program or agency must conform to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church and seek to respond to the needs of the poor, voiceless or powerless. Stoltz said that although the committee considered requests to aid individuals or specific families living here or abroad, it mostly supported local organizations working to meet the needs of groups of people.

Agencies receiving funds in the past include: the Madre Anjela Dental Clinic, which serves homeless and uninsured people on Milwaukee’s South Side; Community Advocates, a group that tackles housing issues in the Inner City; the Milwaukee Achiever Program, which promotes adult literacy; Casa Maria, Sojourner Truth House and Rosalie Manor, all of which provide aid and shelter for victims of domestic violence; and Project Second Start, a program set up to assist inmates newly released from prison. Earlier this year, the committee earmarked \$500 for a project farther from home: the purchase of a pickup truck for SS. Peter and Paul’s sister parish in Chiapas, Mexico.

Stoltz said some donations are earmarked for organizations where parish members volunteer their time, such as St. Ben’s Meal Program or Habitat for Humanity. And occasionally, the Outreach Committee designates in advance a specific group

to receive the funds collected on the fourth Sunday of a particular month. Parishioners knew, for example, that July’s collection was earmarked for St. Vincent de Paul’s school supply drive for children living in low-income families. “That way, parish members with a strong interest in that cause would have a chance to contribute,” Stoltz said.

Stoltz said he believed the outreach program served both as a way of addressing community needs and as a model for parishioners. “How can we expect our parish members to tithe if the parish doesn’t do it?” he asked. “I think in that sense we are setting a good example.”

Stoltz urged any parish members with ideas on the distribution of outreach funds to complete an Outreach Assessment form, available in the back of the church, or call him at 352-8010.

## Help for a poor widow

*How does SS. Peter and Paul’s Outreach program assist others? Although most funds are given locally, one of the most dramatic instances occurred when the parish received a request for a desperate family in Tanzania. The request came from a nun seeking to help a poor widow with five children. After checking the request out, the program donated \$1,000, and on February 26 received this heartfelt response:*

Dear Parishioners of Good Will,

Loving greetings from across the Serengeti Plains!

I am the nun who sought assistance for the widow who was starving with her five children. I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of the money in local currency, 803,000.00, equivalent to USA \$1,000 through our mother general, Sister Claire Nkambi.

The widow was dumfounded. Tears flowed! She and her children were in mixed emotions. Their emotions spoke so much to me and I was almost in tears myself. Thank you so very much for what you have done for this extremely poor widow and her children.

Following is how the money was spent and will be spent.

Food	200,000.00
2 beds and mattresses	60,000.00
Plot and small house (hut)	450,000.00
Medical clothes, uniforms	<u>90,000.00</u>
	800,000.000 (Tanzania currency)

She looked for the plot where she will build a small house (hut) as she was renting a room and paying (Tanzania currency) 3,000 a month. On this plot she has started cultivating and has planted sweet potatoes, beans and maize. They will start eating sweet potatoes and beans after a few months.

Strength to do farm work came from your assistance: She got food, ate, slept well, got some medication, thus got strength to do that. She really has no language of THANKING YOU as you have saved her life and her children’s lives.

May I, on my part, thank you for what you have done for this widow and her children in assisting them to prolong their lives.

May God give you good health as you continue to assist different people who are in need. I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,  
Sister Rita Matiku I.H.S.A.

# St. Ben's: easy to do, but it has big rewards

By Tom Kertscher

For at least three members of SS. Peter and Paul, the chance to spend just a little time making an essential difference in people's lives led them to become volunteer coordinators in the St. Ben's meal program, which feeds hundreds of people each day.

SS. Peter and Paul is responsible for providing the meal at the downtown church one day each month. Many parish members volunteer by making dishes and their efforts are coordinated by the three volunteer coordinators: Lynn Charnitz, Claudia Morris and another woman from SS. Peter and Paul who asked to remain anonymous.

The effort to help provide enough food for up to 600 people on the fourth Thursday of each month begins with Barb Spalda and Mary Jo Sebern. They coordinate the coordinators, you could say. In turn, Lynn, Claudia and the anonymous coordinator call dozens of other volunteers who actually prepare the food.

Lynn coordinates the volunteers who make hard-boiled eggs; Claudia stays in touch with those who make Jell-O; and the third coordinator—let's call her Abby—leads the dessert makers. (Other parishes bring other foods to round out the meals.)

Lynn typically calls about two dozen volunteers each month to make hard-boiled eggs.

"It's really not a very big part, but it helps feed them," she said of the homeless and the poor.

Lynn, who has been coordinating the egg production for more than seven years, said the volunteers usually provide 50 to 60 dozen eggs for the monthly meal. Some of the volunteers bring the eggs directly to St. Ben's, while others bring them to SS. Peter and Paul, where volunteers transport them downtown, she said.

Most of the food needs to be eaten on the spot, but many of the hard-boiled eggs end up in people's pockets for a snack or breakfast the next morning.

"It's a fundamental need people have and it's a way to fulfill it," Lynn said of the St. Ben's meals.

Lynn recalled losing her job about five years ago and helping serve the meal at St. Ben's that same week. "It was an eye-opening experience, pouring lemonade and thinking, 'Boy, I don't have a job. I wonder if I'll get a job,'" she said.

Although she coordinates the preparation of the hard-boiled eggs, Lynn herself makes Jell-O for the St. Ben's meal each month. Appropriately, Claudia coordinates the Jell-O makers but personally boils some of the eggs.

Claudia has been involved with the St. Ben's meal for a few years, having started by helping serve the meals. She now talks with the roughly 15 Jell-O makers each month. Each volunteer



Photo: Tom Bray

Helping at a recent St. Ben's meal were Janet Cleary, Barbara Spalda, Mary Ellen Kolanko, Al Jakober, Mary Jo Sebern, Jane Schieffer, Margaret Hintz and Deacon Tom Hunt.

makes enough Jell-O to fill one or two pails that are of the size of the large pails of ice cream you find in the grocery store.

As the red stains on her car's gray carpet attest, Claudia also helps deliver some of the Jell-O.

Claudia said she began volunteering for the meal as a way of providing a good example to her children. Her efforts apparently worked, as one of her adult daughters has become a regular Jell-O maker for the meal.

"It's an easy thing to do for a pretty big reward," Claudia said.

Claudia said most of her calls to Jell-O makers are short and sweet, beginning with, "It's the Jell-O lady calling." At Mass, she chats with some of the volunteers she has gotten to know.

"Abby," the third volunteer coordinator, calls two dozen dessert makers each month. She takes notes on each call, so that when she calls again the following month, she can ask the volunteers what's going on in their lives.

That effort has paid off, Abby said, because she has gotten to know many of the volunteers personally. Sometimes the monthly calls can end up taking a couple of hours.

Abby, who has been volunteering in the St. Ben's program for more than 10 years, said she hasn't met most of the volunteers she calls in person, but nonetheless shares a closeness with them. She said that, in part, she takes the time to get to know her volunteers so that they know they are appreciated.

"I don't think people are recognized enough," she said, adding, "The personal touch is important."

Volunteers are needed for the program. Call Barbara Spalda at 332-7672.

# Living the life

**T**his is another article prompted by the Lenten series on spirituality in the active lives that we lead. Each issue of The Voice hopes to highlight members of the parish who are incorporating spirituality into their lives. If you know someone who should be highlighted, please let us know (964-8819).

When Al Jakober serves meals at St. Ben's meal program, it may be that he sees his own face among the people he serves.

"There was a time during the Ford administration when I was unemployed and had trouble finding a job,"



Al Jakober

Jakober said. "I was quite poor for awhile. I had to stay at the Rescue Mission for awhile just to have a place to live.

"Eventually I got a job as a trainee as a custodian at a middle school. But then during the Reagan administration I had another period of unemployment. I was going to UWM and my financial aid ran out.

I did what I could to pay for my welfare benefits. I picked apples in Mequon for awhile."

Happily, Jakober found a job doing custodial work with the Milwaukee Public Library System, first at the downtown library and for the last dozen years at the Martin Luther King Library.

And his own experiences convinced him to join programs that provide meals for the needy at St. Ben's. He began in 1980 while attending the UWM Newman Center, then at St. Hedwig's and now at SS. Peter and Paul.

"I'm concerned about the poor," he said. "I understand their situation. I can understand how people can get into that position and find it difficult to get out.

"I've had an experience with poverty. I firmly believe in helping poor people because they have real problems and sometimes it's not their fault."

Jakober also credits the Catholic church for helping him in the time when he needed help, noting that references from St. Hedwig's helped him secure employment.

Now he is a regular server at St. Ben's. Because of the turnover of the recipients there, he doesn't know many of them personally, but still finds satisfaction in doing this.

Besides volunteering for this program, Jakober is an usher at the 7 p.m. Sunday mass and frequently helps out when needed at other times, such as during the Lenten series.

In his free time, he enjoys spiritual reading (his favorite readings are the Scriptures and the book "Live Jesus! Wisdom from Saints Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal") and classical music (Beethoven's Eroika is his favorite).

# You can be a part of parish liturgy

By Faye Herrick

**S**o you like the liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul? The Prayer and Worship Commission is looking for new members, and we invite you to give us a try.

The mission of the commission is to promote vibrant and active participation of the parish community in liturgical and sacramental celebrations, seeking real ways to engage the faithful in their call to holiness. This is accomplished by providing ongoing formation of liturgical ministers so that all may experience the fullness of our liturgical and sacramental life; by creating an inviting worshipping environment; and by offering and/or supporting varied prayer experiences. By celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ, our goal is to enable our faith community to become the heart of Christ in the heart of the East Side.

Don't be scared off by the lofty language of our mission statement. The commission is composed of parishioners just like you; the only trained liturgist in our group is Tom Koester. We meet the second Tuesday of most months from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the rectory. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 11, and we hope you'll join us.

Oh, did we forget to mention that the food is really good?

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## News in brief

### NEW PRINCIPAL

Renae MacCudden is the new principal of Catholic East Elementary School, succeeding Christopher Montezon, who became principal of St. Mary's School in Hales Corners.

MacCudden has been a teacher in the Elmbrook and Whitnall School Districts teaching second, fourth, fifth and seventh grades. She has also had clinical teaching experiences at Fritsche Middle School, Lee Elementary, St. Leo's Catholic Urban Academy and Urban Day School.

She graduated from Marquette University and completed her graduated work at Cardinal Stritch University in educational leadership.

"As Catholic East's new principal, I plan to do a lot of listening and learning," she wrote in a letter to parents.

### CUB SCOUT HONORED

Max Ours, a member of Cub Scout Pack 452, which is sponsored by SS. Peter and Paul, has earned the Parvulei Dei Award, a religious award that is given after the completion of a course of study with his family. Scouts are encouraged to complete the requirements for the award.

# Couples seek to make their marriages bloom

By Matt Schlag-Mendenhall

**M**y wife and I just celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary. While it was a notable milestone for us, we didn't make a big deal out of it—not when both sets of our parents have been married for more than 30 years and my maternal grandparents were wed for 55-plus.

But it turns out our milestone is big compared to many other married couples today. The average couple seeking an annulment from the archdiocese has been married two years. SSPP's new pastor, Father Tom Brundage, who oversees the annulment-granting process for the archdiocese, says 70 to 80 percent of marriages today end in divorce. One factor that drops the divorce rate significantly—to about 10 percent—is when two Catholics marry and attend Mass together every week.

An underlying—but not often acknowledged—cause of divorce, Father Tom believes, is the lack of permanence in our culture. People who marry today are likely to have divorced parents. And, our generation isn't comfortable sitting in place: We leave home for college, change roommates regularly and find new jobs when we feel like it. Therefore, the notion of being with one person for life seems foreign, even for people who agree to the “til death do us part” line.

Father Tom feels the church needs to be more involved in helping people stay married, especially in the early years. That's why he's asked Marriages In Bloom, a group for SS. Peter and Paul couples aimed at helping people reach their 10th anniversaries, to play a role in early marriage formation.

Beginning this fall, MIB will host casual dinner events twice a year for people married three years or less. We'll talk about how marriage works for us and any other issues participants want to address. MIB, now in its fourth year at the parish, has other plans for the coming months, as well:

- *We're planning a retreat in October (topic to be announced). The event will likely take place the afternoon of Sunday, October 28.*
- *Following the success of this year's Valentine's Day dinner, we'll repeat the program next year. Held in the church center, it was an opportunity for spouses to have dinner together and talk, one-on-one, about a series of questions we provided.*
- *We're planning a series of scripture-based study groups during Lent. A similar series in 1999 was a big hit, drawing four groups of three or four couples each to discuss the challenges of living Christ's Word in our daily lives.*

Look for more information on these events in the coming months.



Photo: Tom Bray

*Bishop Richard Sklba and Father Tom Brundage signed the parish pastoral covenant at Father Tom's installation as pastor of SS. Peter and Paul on June 24.*

## Block Party (continued from page one)

Claudia Morris, who's coordinating the silent auction, says to “bid often and bid high.” Along with flyers in the bulletin, she's phoning individuals to solicit auction items, and local business will be contacted for contributions as well. Among the early items she's rounded up are gift certificates for a massage, for a brunch and for two days of adult day care at the Milwaukee Catholic Home (to give some time off for an at-home caregiver). An attorney has offered to draw up a simple will. Other items include jewelry, wine, two small rugs from Turkey, artwork by parishioners, and many more that are expected to roll in by party time.

Sanders and her Block Party co-chair, Jennifer Miswald, stress that this is not just a parish block party, but a community one. It's hoped that many neighbors who are not parishioners will join in.

What's the best part?

“Just all the people, the atmosphere, people talking and visiting, having that time to connect with each other,” Miswald said.

Her counterpart, Sanders, agreed: “It brings everyone together. It's a festive celebration. I like to see the kids sliding down the hill.”

The block party has made around \$4,000 each year, with proceeds set aside for the following year. Last year, some 1,000 people attended.

The party relies on volunteer labor, and the volunteers seem to have the most fun. To volunteer, call Estee Klemick at 482-2099.

# Finding new depth for one's faith

**B**obbie Sanders has given a lot of her time and energy to SS. Peter and Paul parish. This is her third year as co-chair of the block party; she is the the financial trustee of the parish so is on the Parish Council. She's a eucharistic minister and an acolyte and has been a lector in the past. Not to mention things like heading up the decorating committee at Christmas.

For the last year, she has sought to put all of this into the perspective of her faith by enrolling in a four-year program leading to a certificate in pastoral care at St. Francis Seminary.



## **Q. Can you describe the program?**

**A.** Pastoral Care teaches you to do work in a parish, for the homebound, for example, as opposed to the administrative services track. It's more involved with people and caring for the needs of the people of the parish.

## **Q. Sounds like a big time commitment.**

**A.** It's every other Saturday during the school year, and you take three classes a semester. Plus there's formation and liturgy, and morning and evening prayers, every session.

## **Q. What kind of courses do you take?**

**A.** We take theology. We took the Old Testament last semester and then we studied the documents of Vatican II. We also took communal prayer leadership, liturgy and spirituality. Next semester we'll be studying moral theology, Jesus the Christ and an introduction to the Gospels.

## **Q. Who are the people enrolled in the program?**

**A.** There are about twenty of us, and there are a variety of people. One of the men studying for the diaconate is a doctor. One works for the City of Franklin. One in administrative services for a parish. One does production work for a company. One is a nurse like me. It's a real mix of people. Some are studying for the diaconate. Some want to work in a parish in a paid position.

## **Q. Why did you enroll in the program?**

**A.** For me, it was to enhance my knowledge of my faith. I didn't have a Catholic education and I was doing a lot of work in the parish but I didn't have a good religious background.

I don't think I would look for a paid position in the parish but I would continue volunteer work. I think in the end it will give me a better basis for my volunteer work.

## **Q. Your career is in nursing and health care.**

**A.** I'm director of surgery services and health ministry at Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls. I've been there eight years, and before that I was manager of the operating room at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee and prior to that I was at Sinai Samaritan. In my first years as a nurse I was on a heart team in an operating room.

## **Q. How does your career as a nurse relate to your desire to work in pastoral care?**

**A.** I've seen a lot of life-and-death situations, seen people die, and I've come to realize that you can incorporate your ministry in your work. You do it, and you don't even realize that you're doing it.

Now, because I'm in management, it's more how I relate to people, how I treat people. You can have a lot of compassion and you ask yourself, "Who is my neighbor? How do I treat my neighbor?" Sometimes it's relating to families who have a loved one in surgery and you try to help them in some small way.

## **Q. You've been involved in many things in the parish. Why?**

**A.** I felt a call to do it. I guess I started getting involved when I was an RCIA sponsor in 1992. Tom Hunt encouraged me and then Father Tom DeVries. They were both very supportive.

And SS. Peter and Paul feels like home. It feels like my family in many ways. I've made good friends there. I don't think of myself as a volunteer but as a member. I feel I have certain responsibilities to the parish as a whole. It's not just a place to go on Sundays. You see things that have to be done and you feel a call to be a part of it.

## **Q. Is there anything you'd like to add?**

**A.** Father Tom DeVries used to say that if you're going to serve and work in the church you really need to know your faith. That's how I feel. You have to learn your faith and learning theology has made such a difference for me. I've learned about different things in the liturgy and why we do the things we do. Also, it's forced me to do a lot of reflection and really enhanced my prayer life and commitment to prayer.

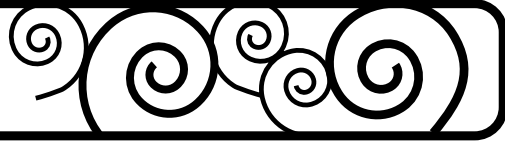
## **Q. Would you recommend the program to others?**

**A.** If they realize the commitment. You have to be committed because of the time and the work involved. It involves a long day twice a month, plus a lot of reading and some papers. And a lot of reflecting and self-evaluation. Sometimes you have to take a critical look at yourself—am I this kind of person and should I be that kind of person?—and you have to look inward. And you have to have a very supportive spouse. Larry, my husband, has been very supportive.



*Bobbie Sanders*

# CALENDAR



Here are dates—subject to change—for events at SS. Peter and Paul in the coming months. Please watch the Bulletin for specific information.

Regular masses are 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 8 a.m. weekdays (M–F). Confessions are 4–4:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information call the rectory, 962–2443.

## September

Tuesday, Sept. 4: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Sept. 5: Parish Council, 7 p.m., Church Center.  
Thursday, Sept. 6: Habitat Work Night. See bulletin for information.  
Monday, Sept. 10: St. Vincent de Paul Society, 7 p.m., Church Center.  
Tuesday, Sept. 11: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center;  
Baptism Prep Session 1, 7 p.m., preregistration required.  
Wednesday, Sept. 12: Stewardship Commission, 7 p.m., Batz Room.  
Friday, Sept. 14: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Lake Park.  
Saturday, Sept. 15: SSPP Block Party, 3-10 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 17: Grief Relief, 7 p.m., Holy Rosary Church Hall.  
Tuesday, Sept. 18: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center;  
Baptism Prep Session 2, preregistration required.  
Wednesday, Sept. 19: Administrative Services Commission, 7 p.m.,  
Batz Room.  
Saturday, Sept. 22: Market Day, 8:30 a.m., Cramer Building Cafe.  
Tuesday, Sept. 25: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center;  
Baptism Prep Session 3, 7 p.m., preregistration required.  
Wednesday, Sept. 26: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Lake Park.  
Thursday, Sept. 27: St. Ben's Meal Program. See bulletin for  
information.

## October

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Oct. 3: Parish Council, 7 p.m., Church Center.  
Thursday, Oct. 4: Habitat Work Night. See bulletin for  
information.  
Sunday, Oct. 7: Apostles Cafe, 8 p.m., Church Center.  
Monday, Oct. 8: St. Vincent de Paul, 7 p.m., Church Center.  
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Stewardship Commission, 7 p.m., Batz Room.  
Friday, Oct. 12: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Church Center.  
Monday, Oct. 15: Grief Relief, 7 p.m. Holy Rosary Church Hall.  
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Administrative Services Commission, 7 p.m.,  
Batz Room.  
Saturday, Oct. 20: Market Day, 8:30 a.m., Cramer Building Cafe.  
Tuesday, Oct. 23: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Oct. 24: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Church Center.  
Thursday, Oct. 25: St. Ben's Meal Program. See bulletin for  
information.  
Tuesday, Oct. 30: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.

## November

Thursday, Nov. 1: Habitat Work Night, See bulletin for  
information.  
Sunday, Nov. 4: Apostles Cafe, 8 p.m., Church Center.  
Tuesday, Nov. 6: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Parish Council, 7 p.m., Church Center.  
Friday, Nov. 9: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Church Center.  
Monday, Nov. 12: St. Vincent de Paul, 7 p.m., Church Center.  
Tuesday, Nov. 13: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Nov. 14: Stewardship Commission, 7 p.m.,  
Batz Room.  
Friday, Nov. 16: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Church Center.  
Saturday, Nov. 17: Market Day, 8:30 a.m., Cramer Building Cafe.  
Monday, Nov. 19: Grief Relief, 7 p.m., Holy Rosary Church Hall.  
Tuesday, Nov. 20: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Nov. 21: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Church Center;  
Administrative Services Commission, 7 p.m., Batz Room.  
Tuesday, Nov. 27: Centering Prayer, 7:15 p.m., Church Center.  
Wednesday, Nov. 28: Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., Church Center.

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