

# THE BRIDGE

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In order to build stability into the St. Jude School budget, we are launching two new programs this year. One of the programs is more immediate; the other is more long term. The immediate program is called "Adopt a Student." The long-term program is an endowment fund that has been created for the School. At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce these programs to the Parish.

The "Adopt a Student" program is a chance for all members of the Parish to assist those families who may be struggling to afford the cost of a Catholic education. Participation in this program will supplement our current scholarship program. The program operates by allowing an individual to donate/adopt a student's educational needs either weekly, monthly, quarterly, for a six-month period, or for the entire year. What I find appealing about this particular program and how it differs from others is that a person can feel more personally invested since they know exactly what their financial donation is going to be used for. In addition, by participating at any level in the "Adopt a Student" program the giver will be helping the "immediate" overall parish budget.

The long-term purpose of an endowment fund is to lower the cost of tuition in an effort to ensure that all worthy and willing students are able to afford the precious gift of a Catholic education. We have recently formed an Endowment Fund Committee, and the next step for the members is to educate all of our parishioners on the benefits that result from the charitable giving to an endowment fund. There are several approaches to increasing or donating to a fund such as this. First, one important choice is through an individual's estate planning. By doing this, the endowment fund would be utilized as an option for those benefactors who want to provide for our School's future through a legacy on their behalf. Secondly, the Committee intends to contact St. Jude alumni about organizing fundraisers or reunions to benefit this endowment fund. And thirdly, the Committee is also researching other avenues of general fundraising. As always, the Committee and I welcome any innovative or resourceful ideas you may have in regards to this third option. We at St. Jude have learned through past experience that people are more apt to donate to a "vision" versus a "need." We believe that the establishment of an endowment fund for the purpose stated above provides this vision and would significantly enhance the success of our planned giving efforts. As for the endowment's interest, one-half will go into the St. Jude general fund and be specifically earmarked as school revenue. The other half will be reinvested with the endowment principal, unless there is a fiscal emergency declared by the Pastor under the advisement of Parish Council and the Finance Committee. If St. Jude School would ever cease to exist, the endowment principal would be donated to the Catholic Inner-City Schools Education Fund (CISE) to benefit those most in need of Catholic school tuition assistance. If CISE is no longer in existence, the funds would revert to the Archdiocese.

In conclusion, both the "Adopt a Student" program and the St. Jude Endowment Fund are designed to build stability for our Parish finances. Please carefully consider these programs as ways in which to participate in the future strength and permanence of the St. Jude School and Parish. More information will be forthcoming in the future in regards to all of this. Thank you.

Blessing, Fr. Eric

**O**ur next Baptism Program will be Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the undercroft meeting room. Parents are expected to attend the class here at St. Jude before your child is baptized. It's best to attend before the baby is born. If you have already attended the class here, you do not have to attend again. Call the church office at 574-1230 to sign up. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT. Our last baptism before Lent will be February 14, at 1:00 p.m.

### Archdiocesan Decree On Child Protection

There will be an orientation session on the Archdiocesan Child Protection Decree on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30PM in the church undercroft, DRE Room. Everyone who works regularly with children or youth needs to have attended an orientation session on this Decree. This includes Youth Ministry workers, PSR teachers, scout volunteers, coaches, regular volunteers in St. Jude School, and those who work with children's choir or Preschool. The orientation session takes about one hour, and is the same program all over the Archdiocese.

### NUTS AND BOLTS OF OUR FAITH St Jude Adult Faith Formation invites you to attend a series of talks about:

"A Theological Reflection on the Stations of the Cross"

**Thursday, February 18th, 2010 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

"Divine Mercy Sunday: What is it exactly?"  
**Thursday, March 18th, 2010 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**All Presentations will be held at St. Jude Church  
By Fr. Eric Bowman  
Followed by refreshments in the Vestibule**

### Pilgrimage to Poland

In September I will be leading a national pilgrimage to Poland to visit famous sites of the life of St. Faustina along with the Divine Mercy Devotion, St. Maximillian Kolbe and Pope John Paul II. One of the very cool aspects of this pilgrimage is that rumor has that John Paul II will be beatified (one step from being made a saint) the following month of October, so we will be visiting places from his youth just a month before this historic event. The dates of the pilgrimage are Sept 19 and returning to the states on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2010. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending this pilgrimage they can call the parish office to obtain a brochure. Please prayerful consider attending this amazing Pilgrimage.

### ATTENTION LADIES:

**St. Jude Rosary Altar Society** will meet Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. Our guest speaker will be from Guenther Physical Therapy. They have two locations; Bridgetown Rd and Cheviot Rd. The topic of their presentation will be "Balance and Fall Prevention." Following our guest we will have our business meeting and then wonderful homemade desserts provided by our Hostess Committee. The next item on the agenda, to close the evening, will be Bingo. We look forward to seeing everyone. Happy New Year!

### THANK YOU

Kathy and Trish would like to thank the following people for helping with the mailing of the December BRIDGE: Alice Weyer, William & Marian Bleh, Clare Wissel, Lydia Brinker, Bill Ostertag, Irma Sand, Jeanne Jaspers, Jeanne Rueve

We are proud to acknowledge our 8th graders who have won the following awards from the high schools: Anthony Bauer – (Elder) \$3,000 Jack Adam Achievement Scholarship, admitted to St. Xavier. Taylor Beiersdorfer – (Seton) \$1,000 Admission with Merit. J.T. Boiman – (Elder) \$3,200/ year for four years, admitted to Honors Program, (La Salle) \$3,500/year for four years, admitted to Lasallian Scholars Institute, admitted to St. Xavier being named a St. Francis Xavier scholar for scoring in the top 4% nationally. Josh Byrne – (Elder) \$3,200/ year for four years, admitted to Honors Program, (La Salle) \$1,500/year for four years Academic Scholarship, admitted to St. Xavier being named a St. Francis Xavier scholar for scoring in the top 4% nationally. Jacob Connors – (Elder) \$1000 Scholarship. Corrine Deutenberg – (Mercy) \$1,000/year for two years Mother of Mercy Academic Achievers Scholarship, (Seton) \$1,000 Merit Award, admitted to St. Ursula. Emma Hatch – (Mercy) \$3,500/year for four years Mother of Mercy Leading Scholar, (Seton) \$4,500/year for four years scholarship, Admitted with Distinction to St. Ursula. Julia Kennedy – (McAuley) Admitted With Distinction, (Mercy) \$2,000/year for two years Mother of Mercy Academic Achievers Scholarship, \$1,000 Michel Family Inventive Thinker/Music Scholarship. Timothy Kramer - (Elder) \$3,200/ year for four years, admitted to Honors Program, (La Salle) Admission with Distinction, admitted to St. Xavier being named a St. Francis Xavier scholar for scoring in the top 4% nationally. Nick Kroger – admitted to St. Xavier. Steven Maurer – (Elder) \$3,000 Jack Adam Achievement Scholarship, \$1,500/year beginning sophomore year Placement Test Scholarship, (La Salle) \$3,500/year for four years, admitted to Lasallian Scholars Institute, admitted to St. Xavier. Evan Mullaney – (Elder) \$500 scholarship. Ryan Murray – (Elder) \$3,200/ year for four years, admitted to Honors Program. Matthew Nortmann – (Elder) \$3,200/ year for four years, admitted to Honors Program. Natalie Phipps – (Mercy) \$1,000 Student Council “True Blue” Scholarship. Joseph Poynter - (La Salle) \$3,500/year for four years, admitted to Lasallian Scholars Institute, \$500/year for four years De La Salle Grant. Adam Rahe – admitted to St. Xavier. Andrew Rahe – admitted to St. Xavier. Kyle Rickett – (Elder) \$1,500/year for four years scholarship, (La Salle) Admitted With Distinction, admitted to St. Xavier. Tyler Rickett – (Elder) \$3,200/ year for four years, admitted to Honors Program, (La Salle) Admitted With Distinction, admitted to St. Xavier being named a St. Francis Xavier scholar for scoring in the top 4% nationally. Madelyn Siemer – admitted to St. Ursula. Erica Stowe – (Seton) \$1,000 Merit Award. Kirby Sullivan – (Mercy) \$3,000/year for four years Mother of Mercy Leading Scholar, (Seton) \$4,500/year for four years scholarship, Admitted with Distinction to St. Ursula.

**ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**

For those of you who didn't know, every Monday a group of dedicated people get together to recite the rosary at 7:00 p.m. in church. They are doing their part for world peace with prayer. Everyone is welcome to join them in reciting the rosary.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

FR. ERIC TURNS 40 ON FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 17 – 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.  
MASSES

CONFIRMATION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 P.M.

**GOLDEN OR SILVER WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversary during 2010 should contact the church office at 574-1230, no later than March 1st to receive their scroll and to have their names listed in the BRIDGE.

As of this writing the date of the Mass for couples celebrating their 50th anniversary has not been released. Please check the bulletin

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Mr. Charles Goettke	3450 Eyrich Road
M/M Christopher Bruns	5463 North Glen Road
M/M Nick Boeing	3431 Glastonbury Ct.
M/M John Bohning	3309 Bellehaven Court
M/M James Bedel	2957 Goda Avenue

**BRIDGE GUIDELINES**

Inputs for the March edition are due on February 10. Please email to: trish.popov@thestjudeparish.org; typed or written input may be dropped off at the church office. Please include your name and phone number with all submissions. Contact Kathy or Trish with any questions 574-1230.

**COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Parish Council—Members at Large. Please contact one of the Members-at-Large to discuss any concerns, ideas or suggestions:

Dan Meade-President	598-6323
Kathy Walsh-Vice-President	598-6031
Kim Holiday-Secretary	941-7443
Greg Saupe-(At Large)	574-1199
Jim Wherle-(At Large)	574-1546
Chuck Cole-(At Large)	574-5781
Finance Comm-Dan Cole	574-8801
Education Comm-Missy Meinhardt	574-0696
Worship Comm-Greg Williams	574-1230
Marriage Prep-Deacon Jim	574-1803
Rosary Altar Soc.-Joyce Franz	598-9643
St. Vincent de Paul	
Bob Meade & Bob Barry	574-1230
Boy Scouts-Frank Taphorn	574-5948
Girl Scouts-Kathy Davis	574-7216
Cub Scouts-Jim Batchelor	574-2332
Boosters-Scott Greiner	467-1369
Senior Citizens-Flo Knoepfler	574-7060
PTO-Jamie Singler	598-8313
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