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From The Desk Of Father Blaney Lent



We seem, like our blood vessels, to get clogged up at this time of the year. More and more we hibernate to satisfy personal comfort or the comfort of our families. And the Lent comes! We are reminded to eat less for those who are starving. We are reminded to drink less to watch TV less - to help our neighbor more. What is this - the talk show host says - I'm for me and maybe my family.

Well maybe a person can't feel the blood vessels getting more clogged and clogged. Maybe a person can't feel his body getting slower and slower. And maybe a person can! God never intended that for us. We have done it to ourselves. We need Lent! We need to get up from our fat couches and be alive - alive in our own body and alive to others needs. When we hibernate our personality even changes. It's not us. Lent offers us the opportunity to regain our own self. I hope that your Lent brings a new joy and life to you!

Service League

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 24 for the second annual Share Foundation Service League Luncheon. The festivities start at 11:30 a.m. at the Scherwood South, 560 Joliet St. in Schererville. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be obtained by calling the Share Foundation office at 872-2866. Tables of eight may be reserved. The Service League members have planned an enjoyable program to go along with a delicious luncheon. Join us for a delightful time as we welcome spring.



Our annual Friends Club membership drive is underway and we are looking forward to hearing from our old friends and making new ones too. The theme of this year's Friends Club drive is **CHOIC-ES** and we are asking you to choose to support the development of the Rolling Prairie land through your membership and encourage others to join us as **FRIENDS**.

Members of Friends Club receive our newsletter, the **GOOD NEWS** each month and are entered in a drawing for the four prizes given away each month. First place winner receives a \$100.00 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice and two second place winners receive a prize appropriate to the season. A **HIDDEN WINNER** is chosen each month and is identified in the newsletter. If you read your name in the **GOOD NEWS** as the **HIDDEN WINNER**, call us before the end of the month and we'll send you \$20.00!

CHOOSE friendship as you renew your membership in **FRIENDS CLUB** and recruit a new friend for us. Your choice of friendship will reach out to other abled people as we continue to see growth in our development of the property. Thank you, **FRIENDS**.

A Celebration of Abilities

March is Disabilities Awareness month and the diocese of Gary has planned two special events to celebrate.

On Saturday, March 13, 1993 we will host a program at St. Mary Church Hall, 525 North Lafayette Street, Griffith, IN at 10:30 a.m. Marilyn Bishop, director of the University of Dayton Center for Ministry for Disabled People and editor of the National Apostolate for Mentally Retarded Persons newsletter and journal, will speak on religious needs of disabled people and their inclusion in the church. Kitty Kruse, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Apostolate for Mentally Retarded Persons and consultant for special religious education in the diocese of Toledo, will speak on human sexuality of the disabled person. Questions will be answered, audience participation is encouraged and everyone is welcome. A \$5.00 fee will cover the program and lunch and reservations are requested.

On Sunday, March 14, we will celebrate that we are one family under God with many different abilities with a special Mass. Bishop Dale Melczek will celebrate the Mass at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels, 640 Tyler St., Gary. People who are other abled will be full participants in the Mass by serving as readers, greeters, ushers and song leaders.

After Mass, we will continue the celebration with an Irish dinner in the school cafeteria. The E.S.P.'s a very special dance troupe, will entertain with an encore performance. Cost of the dinner is \$5.00 and reservations are required.

Both the programs and the Mass will be interpreted for people who are deaf and all buildings are accessible to people who use wheelchairs. To make reservations, call Kathy Wolf at the Apostolate for the Handicapped at 874-3491.

Join us for two special events as we thank God for the gifts of our abilities!

Living Memorials

Good Health & Happiness for the Carpenter Family, Int. Anonymous. The Good Health of John Ceperich, Int. Mary Cubranich, Tony & Donna Maicher.

Congratulations Gil & Doris Crist on your 50th Wedding Anniversary, Int. Jack Crist.

For the Special Intention of Victoria Gargas.

Congratulations Pat & Gene Homrich on your 40th Wedding Anniversary, Int. Jack Crist.

For prayers for Josephine Karas in her illness, Int. Mary Stevens. Good health for Frank & Flo

Kobli, Int. Eleanor Klapak. In thanksgiving, Int. Ann Novak.

For a special favor for Lucille O'Donnell.

In Thanksgiving, Int. Margaret Saddy

Happy 70th Birthday & name day Deacon Joseph Sobek, Int. Jean Sobek and family.

For Toni Sri and her selfless generosity, Int. TLC Nursery Committee of STM

For the good health of Martha **Turulis**

For the good health of Gene Walenga, Int. Dave & Beatrice Swanson.

Memorials

Alex Adamczyk, Int. Larry & Susan Woinarowica John Anderson, Int. Miki Bend Joe & Ann Matusek Walter & Helen Stiles Kim Anthonson. Int. George & Dorothy Sabau Michael Baranko, Int. Pat & Rosemary Parisi Georgia Bastain, Int. Jane Gallas Edward Berens, Int. Alfreda Berens Peggy Blozis, Int. Matt & Martha Bankowski M/M John Galinowski Andrew Bojanowski, Int. Ted & Mickey Wleklinski Charles Bowles, Int. George & Madeline Smrt Daniel Braden, Int. Bill & Bernadette Baznik Julia Henry Adeline Brakebill, Int. Ruth Mulhern Lena Braner, Int. Lee Hasse Ernistine Briz & Children, Int.

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SHARE FOUNDATION WITH THE HANDICAPPED **1001 W. 8TH STREET MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA 46360** PHONE: 219/872-2866 VOICE & TDD • BR. JIM HALL 845-1266 TDD **GOOD NEWS MARCH 1993** NEWSLETTER FOR THE DEAF

Wish List

As we develop the Rolling Prairie property, we find that we are in need of certain items. We will be printing a Wish List each month in the GOOD NEWS showing what we need. Please, we can only use things that are in good working order since we do not have the facilities or the man power to do repairs. If you have any of these items and would be willing to donate them to Share Foundation, give us a call at 872-2866.

- chain saw
- spades
- gas-powered weed eater
- hedge trimmer
- wide toothed rakes
- axe
- wheelbarrow
- gas driven ice auger that can double as a post hole digger

Penance Service

Coming March 24th at St. Mary's Church in Griffith a Lenten Penance service is being prepared by Father Gerald Schweitzer and Brother James Hall. It will take place at 7:00 P.M. It is open to all deaf and hearing impaired catholics and it will be interpreted. Come and prepare yourself to receive the sacrament of forgiveness and once again join Christ in the Sacrament of Communion especially at Easter time.



May the patron Saint of Ireland Be close to you each day To bless you with good fortune In a very special way. -An Irish Blessing

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at 845-3291.

Merrillville, IN 46410

Certainly Deaf Services are not 100% perfect. But I really don't know of any agency that is 100% perfect. Deaf Services is there for deaf people and Deaf Services is trying very hard. I am very

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Dinner & **Style Show**

Beta Gamma Upsilon Sorority, Alpha Gamma Chapter is holding their annual Charity dinner and style show, "Expression of Style" with a portion of the proceeds going to Share Foundation. It will be held on Thursday, April 1, 1993 at the Wicker Park Social Center in Highland at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$25.00 each and include dinner, the style show which features fashions by Alexis, and door prizes. Tables of 8 or 10 people are available. Show your support of these wonderful women and their worthy cause with an enjoyable evening out! For tickets or for more information, call Arlene Leary at 923-2384 or Shirley Ladendorf

HIDDEN WINNER - Jan & Terry Adler,

Deaf Services of Northwest Indiana

This organization was started after a family with deaf parents got a mortgage on a home that very soon was condemned. They were really stuck! They were not to live in the house, were to continue to pay the bank and event the cost of tearing down the condemned building. It was a very frightening affair!!! There were many meetings that seemed without end. And finally a constitution, bylaws and an office were realized. Share Foundation has contributed about 20 thousand dollars to Deaf Services. I personally was president during a very trying period and helped to develop some financial stability. There also were over the years a variety of office equipment donated through Share Foundation.

proud of their efforts. Georgene Duncan and Joan Avery deserve a great deal of credit. God bless them!!

A Time For Growth

by: Brother James Hall

Recently I went to a workshop in Tempe, Arizona held by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf and another one held at Lake County Library by D.S.I. for Interpreters. Both were interesting experiences.

From the talks in Arizona things are moving faster than we are able to keep up them. By this I mean technology. ADA, equipment, laws, etc. We seem to be taking it a day at a time but things are moving too fast for us to keep up with.

At the interpreters workshop I got the impression that interpreters are struggling to improve their skills to keep abreast of things. D.S.I. invited Mary Wright, Coordinator of Interpreter Training program at Waubonsee Community College, to talk about possible programs and grants to help interpreters to get the training they need without having to travel far. My hope is that such workshops become a reality here in this area.

As a pastoral minister to the deaf, I talk with various people and I can see a need for changes within the church setting so that the deaf and the hearing impaired have a better feeling about the church. This may include involvement or inclusion which means making them a part of the church and giving them a sense of belonging.

Now is the time when some action must begin. We must put aside all differences and work toward a common goal. whether it be the church, or in groups, wherever we feel a separation. My prayer is that a bonding can be formed so that we can strive for peace and unity to make this a better place for everyone to live. God bless you all.



Harry Mary & Joe Szafranski

Sis Pfeifer, Int. Rita Rosen Clem Phillips, Int. Joan Phillips Chester & Sophie Podkul Leo Putchaven, Int. Hank & Lou DeWulf Louise Radi, Int. Bob & Alice Ream John Reed. Int. Reed Family Anna Reeder. Int. Alfreda Berens Marie Reid, Int. M/M Henry Smith Herbert Roach, Int. Alfreda Berens George & Dorothy Sabau Edward Robowski, Int. M/M Jerome Barkowski Ted & Eileen Jankowski Pam & George Pitt Marty & Joan Collins Paul & Virginia DiCento Daniel Schley, Int. Allard Rental Corp. Arnold Nelson Ray Wilson FOP Lodge 2F-IL Fred & Rose Mary Sampias Dr. & Mrs. Edward Schwoegler Deacon Joseph & Jean Sobek Charles & Maureen Moore Margaret "Peg" Schreiner, Int. Ron & Virginia Badas George & Fran Burns Sandra K. Duhon Lillian Reinert M/M Perry Reinert M/M Louis Zatorski Fred Shikany, Int. Martha Shikany Aunt Julianna Sidor, Int. Ted & Dolores Sidor Norene Siegmund, Int. Ron & Debbie Baker Clarence & Joan Putz Anne Skalba, Int. Alfreda Berens Robert Kenneth Smith, Int. Frances I. Smith Robert Kevin Smith, Int. Frances I. Smith Stanley J. Smith, Int. Joan K. Smith Eugene Sommers, Sr., Int. Ed & Hattie Boncela Fred Stahl, Int. Hank & Lou DeWulf Edmund & Dolores Imes Pro & Nancy LoDuca Arthur St. Arnaud, Int. Vivian St. Arnaud Rosalie Stasiak, Int. Helen Neulieb Agnes Sur., Int. Paul & Jane Sur Jean Swint, Int. Loretta Krawczyk Joseph & Genevieve Beigel John Thomas, Int. Dan & Margaret Daly Daniel & Mary Bowmar M/M Emanuel Timm

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Congratulations, Art & Virginia Dohmeier on your 50th Wedding Anniversary.

In honor of my son Johnny, Int. Helen Wozniczka

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March 1993 FRIENDS CLUB WINNERS

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SECOND PLACE: JEANETTE KING

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