

# THE ZEBEDEE INFORMER

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### From the Pastor

#### Faith In Our Future Parish Construction Projects

For the past several months the Buildings and Grounds Committee has been in the process of procuring bids for the purpose of making the St. James site handicap accessible. To date we have received three bids from three different contractors for a project that would entail the installation of a lift on the north-west corner of the St. James site. In addition to the three lift bids an alternative fourth bid for a ramp to be installed on the north side of the St. James site has also been obtained. A parish wide meeting to review the bids will be held on **Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:00 in the Oakfield Village Community Center.** All parishioners are *invited and encouraged to attend this informational meeting* to review the bids offer your input in the process of this important project for our parish community.

#### 2020 Parishes and Pastoral Leadership

In the ongoing effort to plan for the future the Archdiocese has completed a comprehensive review of parishes and personnel, with the approval of the Archbishop the document entitled, ***2020 Parishes for Pastoral Leadership***, has been shared with pastors and members of Parish Pastoral Councils. This document is a blueprint for parishes and the process of planning for the utilization of personnel and resources in the parishes of the Archdiocese ***now and into the future***. The document itself is the result of efforts associated with archdiocesan ***Vision 21 Program***.

Three factors that will be a driving force behind this document are: 1.) the number of priests retirements between 2010 and 2020 will exceed ordinations resulting in a projected 40% reduction in the number of priests serving in parish ministry. (It is projected that there will be 100 active priests in the Archdiocese by the year 2020.)

2.) The costs of operating parishes and funding ministries are escalating rapidly and parishes can gain economies of scale by collaborating with other parishes.

3.) The one mission of the Church, shared by all parishes, can be carried out more effectively by combining efforts and sharing resources.

Review of the information indicates that Sons of Zebedee is to cluster with St. Mary in Lomira. Clustering is "a grouping of geographically bordering parishes working together on a shared vision and ministry plan." Clustering involves collaboration but is a formal relationship between parishes leading to the sharing of personnel, ministries, programs and resources. The clustering of our two parishes will entail our community becoming a part of District 7, Dodge County (we are currently part of District 8, Fond du Lac County).

A Joint meeting of Sons of Zebedee and St. Mary Pastoral Councils took place on September 5 at St. Mary in Lomira. Basic parish information was exchanged at that meeting and

## Pastor's Column Continued

discussion about possible combining of liturgical celebrations throughout the year especially Holy Days of Obligation such as New Year's Day, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week services (i.e., Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday), the Feast of the Assumption, All Saints/All Souls, Thanksgiving, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. These celebrations as well as the possibility of combining the efforts of our committees, the Standing Committees of the Parish Pastoral Councils of each community, (i.e., Human Concerns, Prayer and Worship/Liturgy, Stewardship, Religious Education programs. All of this important work is being done with an eye to being proactive rather than reactive to the changes that lay ahead for the Catholic Church in this area.

### Parish Picnic

Even though the weather was less than cooperative this year the Parish Picnic (one of three fundraising events for our parish), held at the Village Park in Oakfield was a success. Overall revenues were down \$362.56 dollars from last year but the event managed to bring in \$6,824.15 dollars compared to \$7,186.71 from last year. Whatever the numbers a good time was had by all.

Thanks again to George Macias, Parish Picnic Coordinator, the whole host of volunteers, and prize donors to this event. I can't say it enough, your generosity is always appreciated.

### Chili Supper

The date for our next fundraising activity, the Chili Supper, has been selected. Our annual Chili Supper will take place on **Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 4:30 until 7:30 at the St. John site hall.** The Chili Supper Committee has met and begun the process of planning for this annual event. Please know that a letter from the Chili Supper Planning Team will be coming in the mail soon. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Chili Supper in support of your parish. Enjoy a delicious chili supper meal and reconnect with the other good people who will be coming in support of this enjoyable fundraising event

### [www.sonsofz.org](http://www.sonsofz.org)

That's the address of our new parish website. Thanks to the efforts of parishioner, Jason Pettit our parish has taken yet another step into the twenty-first century. A great deal of parish information has been loaded onto the website for your convenience. Bulletins, this newsletter, Parish Pastoral Council and Standing Committees and Religious Education are all working to keep you, the parishioner, updated on the workings, activities and proceedings of the parish.

When you've finished reading this edition of the *Informer*, check out the website and find out more, offer suggestions that will help, and keep updated on the latest of our parish community.

—Fr. Michael

## Human Concern Updates

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our summer outreach efforts.

- **Habitat for Humanity:** We provided snacks and refreshments for Habitat volunteers. For more information about Habitat, visit [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).
- **Operation Back-to-School:** Because of your generosity and some frugal shopping, we were able to purchase 40 backpacks! For more information about Salvation Army, visit [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org).
- **Mighty Mason Fund:** We gave a donation to the benefit for Mason held on Sept 8.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Marion Betz Family who gave a generous donation to Human Concerns. Because of their gift, we were able to send a donation to Fr. Kennedy's School in India, the FDL County Save a Smile Dental Program, and Solutions Center in FDL.

### UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- **Oct. is Right to Life Month:** We will be having a 2nd collection on Oct 20 & 21. Proceeds will go to WI Right to Life to help Family Resource Center and New Beginnings in FDL.
- **CROP Hunger Walk:** Sun, Oct. 14, Lakeside Park, FDL. Give a donation or walk to end hunger around the world. Registration is noon on Oven Island. Walks are 1.8 and 6.3K. For more information, visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).
- **WRAP White Ribbon Campaign:** Display a white ribbon in your yard to show support for wholesome family values and an end to the corruption caused by pornography.
- **Oakfield Food Pantry:** Supplies are low and they could use our help! Needed items: Non-perishable food, laundry soap and paper products. In addition to items collected in church, we will send a monetary donation for holiday supplies.
- **Giving Tree:** We are sponsoring a few families again this year. Tags with wish list items will be available in church near Thanksgiving. All gifts should be returned unwrapped by early December.
- **Red Kettle Campaign:** Ring bells in FDL at Pick'-n-Save South and Walgreens in early December. Watch for sign-up sheets in church. This is the Salvation Army's largest fund raiser of the year.
- **SHARE:** This food buying group helps families save 30-50% on groceries. They also offer free meals to needy families during the holidays. To give a donation, call: 1-800-548-2124 or visit [www.sharewi.org](http://www.sharewi.org).

**NEXT MEETING:** Wed, Oct 10. St. John's Hall - lower level, 6:30 p.m. We value **YOUR** input. Please join us. **All are welcome!**

One of America's most colorful songbirds owes its name to a long chain of events in the early centuries of the Church. Under normal circumstances, Church dignitaries were moved from time to time. But as early as the 6th century, a few were assigned a semi-permanent relationship to their particular tasks. Such a man was attached to his duties, as a hinge is fastened to a door. So from the Latin *cardo* (hinge), he was called a cardinal.



Usually, a cardinal was a man of special ability. So it was not strange that many of them rose to positions of leadership. In time, the designation became a special title of honor. At the Council of Lyons in 1244, Pope Innocent IV suggested that his cardinals standardize their dress. Some of them already wore red cloaks; the Pope recommended that all of the cardinals begin wearing the cloaks, along with red hats. Such a costume, he thought, would symbolize their willingness to shed their blood for the faith.

Later, the brilliant garb of the cardinal caused the title to be used as a name for bright red. Early explorers of the New World discovered a songbird whose coat was as brilliant as that of the religious dignitary, so they called it "cardinal." What a beautiful bird to enjoy.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Loreen Kuslits, DRE.

Welcome Catechists:

Kindergarten - Bonnie Narance and Julie Bauer; 1st Grade - Ann Buck; 2nd Grade - Deb Sabel; 3rd Grade - Chris Holz; 4th Grade - Kris Bovee; 5th Grade - Jackie Cedar; 6th Grade - Josh Meyer; 7th Grade - Shannon Boelhower; 8th Grade - Mike Margelofsky; 9/10 Grades - Jim Hefter. Thank you all for answering God's call to reach out for the children of our parish family. In addition, I will continue to oversee the Reconciliation and First Communion classes as well as the Confirmation class. Please remember to wish our catechists well, continue encouragement, and as always keep all the students and teachers in your prayers.

First Reconciliation classes begin Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at St. John's Hall, Byron. Any student second grade and up who has not completed this sacrament is welcomed to join my class. Parental participation is necessary.

#### **Looking Forward:**

- Adopt-a-Highway Clean up - High School and Confirmation students will assist. All are welcome. Date and time to be announced in the bulletin.
- Oakfield Food Pantry Collection - Class assignments and additional information forthcoming.
- Team/Trust Building Expedition - Confirmation students will participate.
- Christmas Caroling - open to all grades and families (this was mentioned at the parent meeting). We will join our voices to spread cheer to the elderly at a nursing home. More details will be made available in the bulletin.

**God blessings to you all,** Loreen Kuslits, DRE

### James and Mary Ausloos

James and Mary (Collien) Ausloos were married May 22, 1965 at St. James Church in Oakfield and have been members of Sons of Zebedee for many years.

They have one son, Brian Ausloos, a lieutenant with the Wisconsin State Patrol, and his wife Christina, a Network Specialist at the Beaver Dam Hospital. They also have two Grandchildren, Cody 19 and Casey 17.

Jim grew up in Oconto, WI with three sisters whose family had a restaurant business. Jim attended St. Peter's Catholic Grade School and graduated from Oconto High School. After graduation, he took a four year apprenticeship as a machinist at Nordberg in Milwaukee. In 1968, he attended the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy and became a Trooper. He retired in June of 1998. He works part time for a law firm in Milwaukee.

Mary grew up on a farm outside of Oakfield along with her parents and one brother. She attended Genesee Grade School. She graduated from St. Mary Springs Academy and attended Spencerian Business College in Milwaukee. After working in Milwaukee and getting married, they decided to move back to "small town" life. Mary has worked at Michels Corporation in Brownsville for the past 40 years and is presently Office Mgr. They both celebrated their 50th class reunion this year.

They enjoy spending time with their family, grandkids sporting events, Lake Erie fishing trips, and playing bingo.

We are pleased to have them in our Church family.



*Summer is over. The air has turned cool.  
Our program has started. And the kids are back in school!*

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## Notes from the Past

Maureen Betz



Many parishioners remember the dedication of Sons of Zebedee's St. James Church in 1957. The building, transformed from a community recreation center known as Liberty Hall, is a testament to the heart and labor of the parishioners who volunteered in the remodeling process. The church is a symbol of faith and gathering, constructed through the hope and faith of a community healing from World War I.

The construction of Liberty Hall began in 1919 under the direction of the Oakfield Liberty Hall Company and was completed in October of 1920. The *Daily Commonwealth* of October 6, 1920, reported that the hall was "erected as a memorial to the young men who entered service from the village and the town of Oakfield." The cost of the building was approximately \$24,000, but the price paid by the community was far greater.

A committee was charged with compiling a list of names of the men and women from the community who served during World War I. By the time a memorial bronze tablet bearing their names was completed and installed at Liberty Hall, the list numbered 75. Nine of those men died in service. They are; Ruddie Bachhaus, Alvin C. Berndt, Fern W. Bristol, Otto Lange, Lester N. Phelps, Chester Shortt, Edward H. Sonn, Leon N. Tew and Robert Thill. A bronze star marks their names on the tablet.

Over the years, Liberty Hall brought much joy and entertainment in the form of basketball games, silent and sound movies, card parties, school events, and dances like the 1948 Oakfield Junior Prom when the hall was "taxed to capacity," according to an account in the *Fond du Lac Commonwealth Reporter* of April 27, 1948. Many of our parishioners may have danced that night in a hall decorated with rainbow tinted crepe paper and balloons tied to the "Come to the Mardi Gras" theme.

These good memories and it is this writer's hope that you share these memories with family. Jot them down. Label the photographs that depict these happy times and make sure they are preserved as part of the community history. The World War I Veterans who returned to the community share in these events, too. The tablet with their names has been moved to the entrance of the Oakfield Community Center. The next time you walk through those doors on your way to the library or the village offices, pause for a moment to remember them. And as Veterans Day approaches, remember to thank our veterans for their service to our country.

### Saint Padre Pio

Feast Day: September 23  
Submitted by Paula Homuth

**All Saints Day** is coming up **November 1**. This brings to mind my many favorite saints. I think of the saints that *lived among us*. One is **St. Padre Pio** who lived in my lifetime, died when I was a young adult and was canonized ten years ago. He is the only priest in the Catholic history to bear the Stigmata, the five wounds of Jesus Christ crucified. St. Padre Pio was also blessed by God with the gifts of healing, bilocation, prophecy, reading of souls and more. He has been identified as the most popular holy man of the 20th century. Through his prayerful intercession many who suffered were healed of sickness and disease.

Padre Pio was born in Pietrelcina, Italy in 1887 into a simple peasant family. At age 15 he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Friars and was ordained a priest in 1910. Eight years later he received the Stigmata. For the next 50 years, he suffered from these deep, bleeding painful wounds. Doctors estimated that he lost a cup of blood every day.

News of his holiness spread rapidly. Millions of people attended his Masses. He received letters from believers all over the world who asked for his saintly counsel in their times of distress and misfortune. Countless were attracted to his confessional, where he celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for as many as 16 hours a day. He led a life that was not only devoted to God, but also to helping souls that were physically and spiritually ill. During a Mass, on the fiftieth anniversary of him receiving the Stigmata, St. Padre Pio raised his hands and the congregation noticed the wounds had vanished. He died the next day, September 23, 1968. The doctors found his hands and feet completely unmarked. Today his tomb is the most visited shrine in Europe, surpassing even Fatima and Lourdes.

St. Padre Pio's most famous quote is "Pray, hope and don't worry." Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers. Prayer is the best weapon we have. It is the key to God's heart.