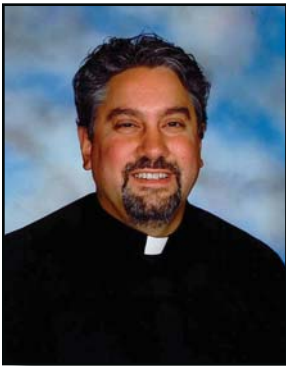


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How Well Do You Know Them?

Want to get to know more about the priests at St. Isidore Parish? Read on for some insightful and perhaps surprising information about Fr. Jerry, Fr. Mark and Fr. Tri.

by: Barb Mendralla



Fr. Jerry

What is one of the most surprising things you've encountered since you arrived at St. Isidore?

Fr. Jerry How such a large parish community can be such a warm, caring, friendly community with a small parish feel to it.

Fr. Mark A nice surprise was the pizzelles served at a CCW night I attended. They were just like my grandma's.

Fr. Tri How few funerals there are for such a large parish.



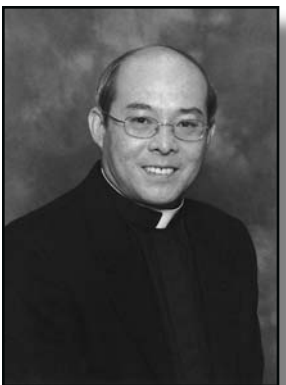
Fr. Mark

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Fr. Jerry A fireman, policeman or a priest. As a chaplain to various police and fire departments, in a way I've achieved all three.

Fr. Mark A lawyer, psychologist, salesman, writer, artist, professional golfer and professional tournament fisherman.

Fr. Tri While in Vietnam during the war, an officer so I didn't have to be on the battlefield, and then an engineer once I got to the U.S.



Fr. Tri

Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

Fr. Jerry Fr. Bob Pietras, my mentor and reason that I am a priest today thanks to his encouragement and friendship, and my father as I've seen how strong he has been in the face of so many adversities (a serious accident and fighting cancer for the 4th time). He has a spirit of faith and trust that he will beat whatever comes his way.

Fr. Mark My parents – my mom instilled the importance of service and my dad instilled a sense of prudence and calmness.

Fr. Tri Nobody really, maybe because I'm such an independent guy.

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What is your dream vacation and have you been there yet?

Fr. Jerry To cruise the Greek Isles – and no I have not been there yet, but Christmas is coming (hint hint)!

Fr. Mark To a Lake El Salto, 50 miles outside of Mazatlan, where it is not uncommon to catch largemouth bass over 10 pounds.

Fr. Tri Rome and Israel, because I've heard such wonderful things from people who have been there.

What is your favorite book (besides the Bible of course!) and why?

Fr. Jerry All of Mitch Albom's books *Tuesday's with Morrie*, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *For One More Day* – they have forced me to look at what is really important in life and to never take anyone or anything for granted.

Fr. Mark *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren might be one of the best books outside of the Bible on how to walk closer to Jesus in your life.

Fr. Tri *The Miracle of Hope*, a story about Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, who spent 13 years in a Vietnamese political prison. (He confirmed me.)

What is one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

Fr. Jerry In 44 years of life (and after 7 nephews and 1 niece) I have NEVER changed a diaper!

Fr. Mark My favorite genre of music is heavy metal.

Fr. Tri I'm a black belt in karate and a brown belt in judo.

Cubs or Sox or too painful to discuss?

Fr. Jerry While it is very painful to discuss, I have to admit I am a Cubs fan.

Fr. Mark Cubs fan, but not really a baseball fan in general. I prefer a good hockey game.

Fr. Tri Used to be a Cubs fan, but once I entered the seminary, I stopped watching sports as they got in the way of ministry work.





What actor would you like to portray you if your life story was made into a movie?

Fr. Jerry Recently several people have told me I look like Al Pacino – not sure that is a compliment though, so how about Daniel Radcliffe?

Fr. Mark Henry Fonda because he was my favorite actor.

Fr. Tri I don't watch movies so I can't think of anyone who looks like me!

What is the best spiritual advice you were ever given?

Fr. Jerry I was told when I was in the college seminary that I will be as holy a priest as I am holy a seminarian. Basically meaning that Ordination is not magic – if I didn't develop my spirituality along my discernment journey, it wasn't just going to happen all of a sudden once I was ordained.

Fr. Mark Before I was a priest, a lay retreat leader gave some great advice to help us prepare for weekend retreat we were giving – “Just let it happen.” Sometimes we worry too much about things and instead need to “Just let it happen.”

Fr. Tri Leave everything to God.

What do you hope to achieve during your time at St. Isidore?

Fr. Jerry Leave with a full head of hair (even if it is all gray)! If people can say one thing when I leave St. Isidore, it is that people grew closer to God and to one another while I was here. I also hope that we overcome being the Anglo, Hispanic and Filipino Communities of St. Isidore and we see ourselves ONLY as the Faith Community of St. Isidore.

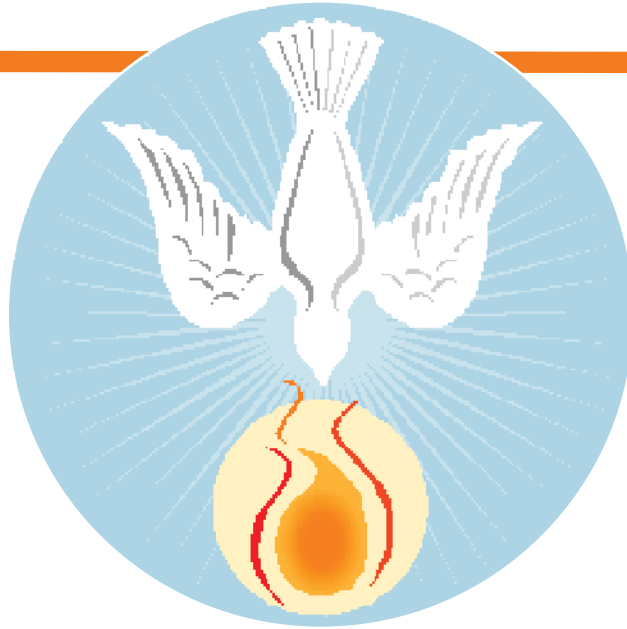
Fr. Mark Learn and grow as a priest in order to one day be a pastor somewhere and to journey with the parishioners as we strive in our mutual walk to become closer to Jesus in our lives.

Fr. Tri Learn and grow to one day be a pastor.

God promises a safe landing not a calm passage.

If God is your co-pilot - swap seats.





Called and Gifted

by: Barbara Tillman

As a Disciple, we are followers of Jesus Christ. Our faith becomes personal and we develop a relationship with God. This begins with Baptism and is completed in Confirmation.

We sometimes have experiences in the church, called conversion experiences. These often take us on a whole new journey in our faith. Conversion experiences move us into a personal relationship with God, into true discipleship. For example, some Catholics have attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar, a Cursuillo Retreat, a CRHP Retreat, had a mission experience or have attended a Marriage Encounter. Each of these experiences can create conversion or a renewed faith and personal relationship with God. Others have come to the church through RCIA or as a new adult Catholic. Conversion experiences are similar to the disciples who came forward and followed Jesus Christ because of an encounter with him. They experienced conversion and became disciples of Jesus Christ, developing a very personal relationship with him.

As Apostles, we become “sent out” by Jesus Christ to bring others to God. Just as at the first Pentecost, when Jesus Christ sent down the Holy Spirit to change the Disciples into Apostles, we too are changed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Called and Gifted Workshop helps us to discover or confirm our gifts (charisms) and then to discern (sort out) our call from God. We are sent by God as Apostles to use our charisms in the world.

What are your charisms and are you listening to where is God sending you to use them?

“God calls me and sends me forth as a laborer in his vineyard. He calls me and sends me forth to work for the coming of his Kingdom in history. This personal vocation and mission defines the dignity and responsibility of each member of the lay faithful...”
(Christifideles Laici, 58)

We, as Catholics, need to develop a culture of discernment in our parishes. Are we discerning our charisms and our call? As lay ministers, are we bringing others to a personal relationship with God? As ministers or lay Catholics are we igniting others in faith so they too become Disciples and Apostles?

Mark your calendar and join us to learn more about your charisms and your call at our next Called and Gifted Workshop coming in May 2009!

Bringing Christ

by: Dorothy Jaskey

Before the closing prayer at the Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Mass, the celebrant calls forth those parishioners who will bring Eucharist to the Catholic residents in a nursing home.

With the prayers of the St. Isidore community, these ministers receive their burse (black cases) containing the gold pix with the sacred hosts, and a purificator (white cloth), and travel to one of the local care facilities.

St. Isidore “serves” two nursing homes on alternate Sundays – West Suburban Care Center on Edgewater Street and Lexington Health Care on Bloomingdale Road.

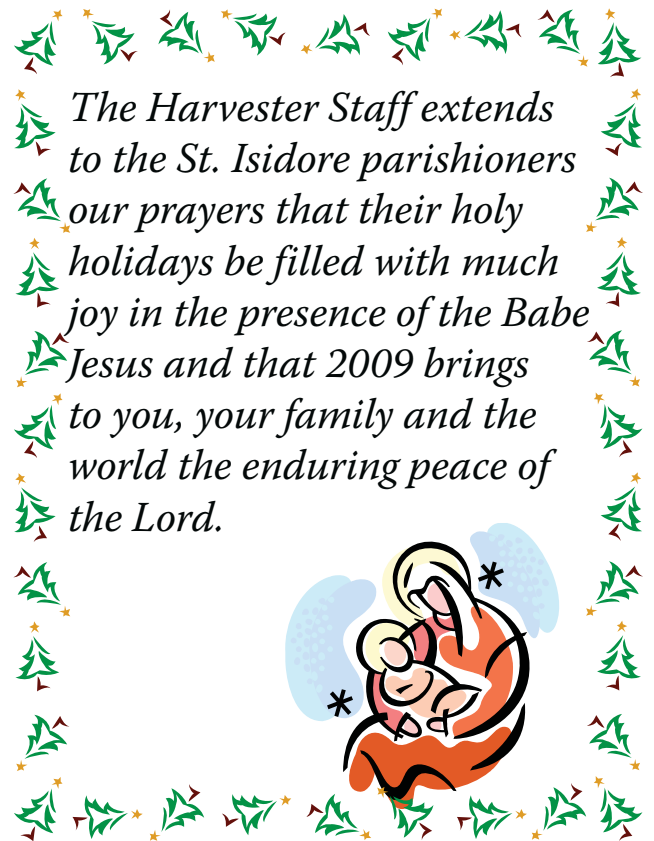
The nursing home ministers walk from room to room distributing communion to those who are able to receive, as well as spending time with each one by listening and bringing comfort. The joy expressed on the face of a resident brings an inner happiness of fulfillment to the minister.

On alternate Tuesday afternoons, St. Isidore Church travels to these nursing facilities. Dedicated parishioners set up an altar in the recreation room, complete with a white linen scarf, candles and a gold crucifix. A St. Isidore priest celebrates Mass with those who can be wheeled or walked to the room. Accompanied by guitar music, these holy people praise the Lord and participate in the Holy Sacrifice. This is a spiritually emotional moment for the residents; many are reminded of when they were part of the Mass in their former parishes.

After the hosts are consecrated, two ministers go to the rooms of those who are completely bedridden and bring them Holy Communion. Again these parishioners are welcomed wholeheartedly.

This is not an easy ministry, but it is a personally rewarding one. Being Our Lord’s servant, His Love and Comfort is shared with those who are physically challenged. God blesses those who are being ministered to and those who are doing the ministering.

For more information contact Deacon Ken (630-295-8349) or Ane Berg (630-295-6890).



Youth on the Move

by: Angela Orlando

Have you been reading your weekly bulletin

lately? The young people of our parish are being called to fun, service and holiness. David Heimann, Youth Ministry Director, was working with the Faith Formation Office to set up the Confirmation Retreat the second weekend of November. While that was in the planning stages, David was working with the Junior High and High School youth preparing for a trip to Six Flags Great America for Fright Fest. In between times, he's organizing the pilgrimage for the annual March for Life which calls young people from 15-21 to go to Washington D.C. in January. Additionally, ski trips and retreats are planned for January. Each Thursday night the high school youth grow their faith with various activities.



David expressed the idea that a parish the size of St. Isidore needs to initiate our young into a solid adulthood with Confirmation but that is just the beginning of a continued faith life. We are a diverse parish and one approach isn't going to serve each of the thousand young people any more than one approach to spirituality serves the many adults. He envisions five or six different ministries serving the young people of our parish as they grow their faith. Young people in this millennium do not engage unless they are challenged. David is the one to do just that.

David began life in Collinsville, IL and grew up in a family of three boys and one girl. He completed a Master of Divinity from the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. Prior to coming to St. Isidore, he served as Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate at St. Ignatius Parish in Chicago. His well documented spiritual journey took him around the world. He travelled to Rwanda with the Catholic Relief Services pilgrimage for youth ministers. That trip provided the idea for the larger journey. An article in our weekly bulletin in September described his Pilgrimage to 365 churches in 365 days. Many of the churches were in third world countries.

Your junior high and high school family members will get to know David Heimann—you should too!

Have you met Jennifer?

by: Angela Orlando

Were you at the weekend Masses in November? If so, you might have encountered one of our newest staff members, Jennifer Sale, who has taken on the position of Stewardship/Development Director. In these trying financial times, she may prove to be a real asset to our parish life.

Jennifer was born just west of here in Iowa City. She and her brother grew up in Orange County, CA and Hoffman Estates. She returned to California for college, graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in Public Policy and Voice Performance. Then it was back to the Midwest, Lisle to be exact, where she is mother to daughters, Gabrielle and Emmabeth who are three and one.

Before the birth of her children, Jennifer “cut her teeth” at non-profits, working at Marklund for six years, the Council for Jewish Elderly and finally at Alden Trails.

Jennifer’s work here began with our stewardship goals and The Gift—did you really listen to the message those weekends? We are a gifted people and members of the community. Jennifer hopes that with our emphasis on community, she can generate a new excitement within the parishioners, that, this is and should be our goal. Each ministry has a need for visible resources and by our participation we can generate more involvement, more idea building and more growth in the many ministries as they continue to grow. Our call through the Gospels is to share our time, our talent and our treasure. We are all called to holiness and made for service.



Kids are quick



TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don’t have to, my Mom is a good cook.



TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father’s cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn’t punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.



TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn’t have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.



Council of Catholic Women

December will be an active month for St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW). On Wednesday, December 10, they will be sponsoring a Christmas Party for the residents of the West Suburban Nursing Facility. The highlights include caroling, bingo, gifts and a visit from St. Nick, who will also bring holiday cheer and gifts to all the residents.

If you would like to help in this endeavor with gifts, contact Ann Gazda (630-736-4901).

2008 Organic Garden

Whoeeee! We made our goal and then some. The total amount of produce grown in our Organic Garden is currently 1,016 pounds! And, we have still not finished harvesting. As I write this article, we have beets and spinach growing under row covers protecting them from frost. Our Spring, Summer and now Fall have been great for our garden. St. Isidore must have been watching over us.

We would like to thank our crew who put in some serious hours at the garden. We started in May and are finishing in October - 6 months of hard work.

Thanks to: Tina Alberts and her son, Betsy Peska, Jean and Jim Leix, Dave Craven, Diane Petrich, Marlene Sylvester, Renee Cichon and her three children, Kelly Sheridan and her daughter, Beth Lipinski and her son, Pat Lopez, Lora Rollins and her daughter, Patrick Grogan, Ben Hoyle, Gail Shulman and Carolyn Simek.

Carolyn Simek – co chairperson
Gail Shulman – co chairperson



The junior helpers learned a valuable lesson in helping out the unfortunate and feeding the hungry.

We will be looking for more volunteers come next Spring. Please give some thought to helping out in the Organic Garden. It is a very peaceful place to work and so very rewarding to you and the people we feed.





What's Happening in Faith Formation

by: Lisa Conte

The 2008-09 school year is off to a strong start for Faith Formation! With nearly 1,400 students enrolled in classes ranging from kindergarten through high school, St. Isidore's program is one of the largest in the Joliet Diocese. Approximately 200 catechists and facilitators help prepare students for the moments when life and faith meet.

In September, Faith Formation students attended an all school mass during their given class time. The liturgy was another wonderful occasion for catechists and students to grow and learn together as we embark on our journey of learning about our faith. We are grateful to Father Jerry, Father Mark and Father Tri for celebrating with us and look forward to our next all-school mass in April.

During Catholic Education Week in January, Faith Formation students will participate again in making Valentines for Veterans. This service project is an excellent opportunity for students to learn the importance of sharing their thoughts and prayers with

our veterans who served us throughout the years. The students will also take part in "Change for Children" in which they donate their spare change from Advent to Lent in support of the "Feed My Starving Children" program. Some Catechists have already started individual service projects with their classes as well. These programs are ways in which we can strive to meet our goal this year of "Serving Jesus by Serving Others."

There will be two Reconciliation services which all on-campus students and Confirmandi will attend this year. In addition, 312 students will make their First Reconciliation in January and First Holy Communion in May. "We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year!" says Vera Zielinski, Coordinator of Religious Education.


If you have any questions about sessions, volunteering, or attending a Board meeting, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 630-529-9191.



A Christmas Challenge

During the Christmas season, the message of the angels is heard. Follow the letters in this maze to find this message. The first letter is starred. You must follow the letters in a straight line and use a letter only once.

The unused letters spell the "reason for the season".

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S	G	O	O	M
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The staff changes for this school year include Trevor Simpson as our new social worker and Mary Ann Demma, the new primary aide.

Some of the physical changes to the school include a new classroom equipped with a technological teaching tool called a "Smart board" and beautifully renovated student bathrooms. Students also love the remodeled school library.

This year's advisory School Board includes: Pam Martin, Chris Breyne, Karen Busch, Mary Christopher, Joel Ferrer, Robert Drazba, Lisa Fernandez, Michelle Holman, and Pearle Torralba. President Martin noted, "The communications committee will continue working on alumnae newsletters and is planning a school reunion in June." She explained that the board is also working to review the all school parent survey competed in October. They will discuss the suggestions and comments when they update the school's 5-year plan.

The Home & School Association (H.S.A.) coordinators for this year are Tracy Locanto, Rita Crotinger and Patty Frost. This group manages fundraising and our special school events: Family Halloween Party, Family Reading Night & Fall Book Fair and Santa's Workshop for Kids. The money raised is used for teacher and classroom extras and school assemblies. Their first fundraiser was a magazine sale and profits were \$3,000 (10% will go to the Endowment fund).

The fall children's clothing and equipment resale was a huge success! The \$6,400 raised was the highest profit to date. Ten percent of this is earmarked for the Endowment fund and the remaining to the school development fund.

St. Isidore participated in a school recognition process that the state and diocese conduct every few years. Representatives from the Diocese and from other schools met with the principal and school board to discuss curriculum and school activities in order to evaluate strengths and determine potential improvements.

Student service projects:

- 6th graders mailed 3 boxes of "Snacks for Service people" to Iraq
 - All classes donated to the Parish Thanksgiving Food and Book Drive
 - Many classes will Adopt a Family for Christmas
 - Others will collect more items for the troops for Christmas
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Save the date for the Children's Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 pm in the Ministry Center. The school library will also be sponsoring a Christmas fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on Gary Avenue that afternoon.

The elegant Auction Dinner Dance will be held on February 28th at Venuti's Banquet Hall in Addison.



An Opportunity for Generosity

by: Vicki Dau

Not sure what it is about this time of year, but it seems to bring out the giving in us. And the Thanksgiving Food Drive is the perfect opportunity to channel that generous spirit.

Because of the incredible generosity of our parish, we were able to feed over 300 families from DuPage County their Thanksgiving dinner. Local residents in need were given the opportunity to come on the Sunday before Thanksgiving to pick up ingredients for their feast. Food was provided according to the family size and they chose their preferences.



This event offered everyone in the parish the opportunity to participate. Volunteers passed out flyers after masses, donated non-perishable food, donated hams and turkeys and donated books, games, DVDs, and videos. They hauled food from here to there, sorted food and books, set up, greeted registered, helped pick food and books out, distributed and carried food. Singles, families, students, teens and seniors all pitched in to make this a success! Our School and Religious Education classes were given an invitation to participate. It was heart-warming to see classes of kids chip in, scouts supply muscle power, and families all working together.

The community was involved as local public schools helped collect food as well as books for our literacy drive held in tandem with the food drive. While the parents shopped, the children who attended were given the opportunity to pick out books, games, videos, and DVD's. A few years ago, someone saw that some children were growing up without books, and decided to make it a part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Since the idea began, it has grown to include games, videos and DVD's.

We called it "controlled chaos" for two hours on November 23, when the Ministry Center was packed with volunteers and families interacting to make this Thanksgiving Holiday so wonderful!

Arrangements were organized by coordinators Vicki and Tom Dau.



Kids Corner

by: Katie and Natalie Sherburne

The PADS Experience

by Natalie Sherburne, grade 6

There are many things we take for granted such as our houses, food, cars, clothes, shoes, and beds. But we should remember that we're lucky to have those things, because some people, like the homeless who go to PADS every day, don't. PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) is an organization to help the homeless. Once a month St. Isidore Parish provides food, games and shelter to these people. They go to either our Ministry Center or St. Walter's, where they are served a hot meal and play bingo or other games to win gift cards before going to bed. In the morning, they are served breakfast and given a sack lunch. My mom is the volunteer food coordinator for St. Isidore. She organizes food donations and makes sure it's all ready before the guests arrive. She works through different ministries in the winter and calls individual parishioners in the summer. She even gets donations from restaurants and businesses! I've been lucky enough to help out at PADS, and it's really fun. You can help make the beds, run errands, serve food to the guests, and lots of other things. Ask your parents if you can help cook something or volunteer for a night! It's fun, and it's for a good cause!



Book Review: The Crippled Lamb

by Katie Sherburne, grade 7



The Crippled Lamb is a wonderful fictional book by Max Lucado. This story is about a lamb who gets to see Jesus. Joshua is a crippled lamb; he can't run and jump like the other sheep. He has a friend named Abigail who is a cow and always makes him feel better when he is sad by saying "God has a special place for those who feel left out". Joshua usually feels better when Abigail says that. One day as the other sheep are leaving with the shepherd for another valley to find grass, they become impatient

with Joshua and don't want to wait for him. Joshua's feelings are hurt and Abigail stays behind with him. Then Joshua and Abigail see Jesus in an adventure that they will never forget. This book was first read to me when I was three years old and one thing I love about it is that the illustrations are so bright and realistic. This is a great Christmas story that I think everyone should read!





The Green Corner

by: Bill Archer

Besides books and dishes, what is the item within your house that is the most numerous? Quite likely it is the battery.

People are using more and more household batteries. About three billion batteries are sold annually in the United States. Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead cadmium, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment when disposed of improperly. When burned, some heavy metals such as mercury may vaporize and escape into the air, and others such as, cadmium, can concentrate in the ash produced.

In landfills, heavy metals have the potential to leach slowly into soil and groundwater. Dry-cell batteries contribute about 88 percent of the total mercury and 50 percent of the cadmium in the municipal solid waste stream.

Currently, most batteries that are collected through household battery collection programs are disposed of in hazardous waste landfills. There are no known recycling facilities in the U.S. that can practically and cost-effectively reclaim all types of household batteries. Collection programs typically target button and nickel-cadmium batteries, but may collect all household batteries because of the consumers' difficulty in identifying battery types.

Typical types of household batteries include:

Alkaline - cassettes players, radios, appliances

Carbon-zinc - flashlights, toys, etc.

Lithium - cameras, calculators, watches

Mercury - hearing aids, pacemakers, cameras, calculators, watches

Silver - hearing aids, watches, cameras, calculators

Zinc-cadmium - cameras, rechargeable appliances such as portable power tools

Small sealed lead-acid batteries - camcorders, computers, cellular phones, lawnmower starters

For more information, visit the following websites:
<http://www.bookrescue.org/>
<http://www.rbc.org/call2recycle/dropoff/index.php>
<http://www.esho.com>
http://www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=148

If you are having a difficult time finding out what to do with used batteries and where you can take them to be recycled or safely treated and disposed, check out the websites listed below. Through the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's national program. Call2Recycle*, more than 42 million pounds of rechargeable batteries have been collected and recycled. The City of Naperville has a household hazardous drop off facility which is located behind Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Road. The facility is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

Little Disciplines - Big Ministry

by: Barbara Mendralla

I think one of the best and most underutilized gifts at St. Isidore is the nursery, or Little Disciples as it was recently renamed.



My husband and I brought both our sons to Mass from the time they were born. As infants, they were cooperative churchgoers, mainly because they were usually sleeping. Once they turned a year old, going to Mass with them became a chore. Between my paranoia of them disturbing other parishioners with their antics and my frustration they couldn't behave for an hour, I realized I was not properly present during this holy celebration.

When we learned about the availability of the nursery, my husband and I were willing to explore using it. After visiting it and getting a comfort level with it, we dropped off my son before Mass. While there were some teary eyes the first couple weeks, he soon came to enjoy going there. My husband and I were happy that one hour we spent with the Lord was a more prayerful time. Now when we left Mass, we felt nourished by the readings and homily. Gone were the days of

wondering what the point was of attending if our focus was torn between our son and the Mass.

When my son was about three and a half, we decided to start having him attend Mass with us. He was then able to sit quietly so we could celebrate as a family. As he now prepares to celebrate his first Eucharist, his younger brother is taking his turn in the nursery. I know the time will come when he too will attend Mass with us, but until then I am so thankful for Little Disciples.

The adult and teen volunteers are all loving and caring people. Most of them do not use the nursery themselves, but serve in this ministry because they love children. Some of these volunteers have been with the nursery since we started using it six years ago.

As a volunteer myself, I enjoy spending the time with the children and seeing them grow. I feel like I give the parents a gift when they are able to spend that hour prayerfully with God.

We are currently looking for more volunteers to help staff the nursery, and of course we would love to have more Little Disciples visit it! For more information, call the Community Life office at 630-295-6890

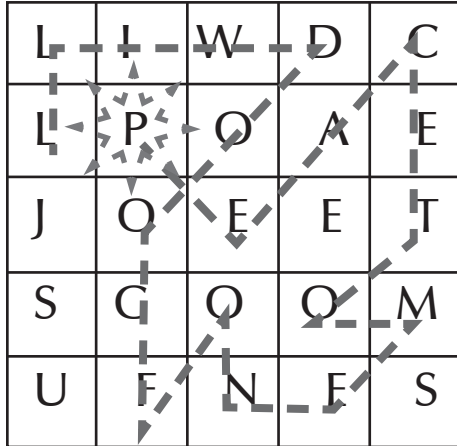




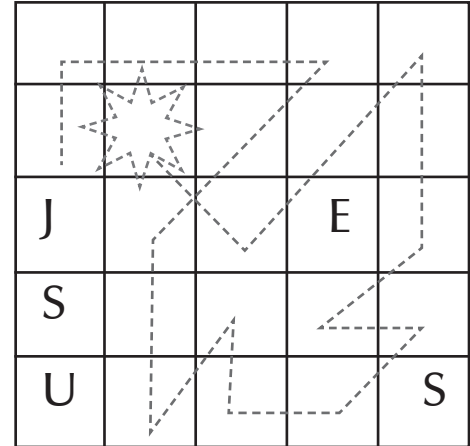
Christmas Challenge



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is your opportunity to let us know what you think or what you want to know about parish, church etc. We will run questions and responses as space allows. Be brief and to the point. We will not acknowledge any comments which do not have a name, address and phone number. Indicate whether or not we can use your name. Drop in Sunday's basket or at the rectory office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Use my name? [] Yes [] No

Block Party in the Burbs *Trifesta '09*



by: Lynne Denmark

The weather was perfect as we embarked on Trifesta 08'. Included in this year's events were fantastic entertainment throughout the two days, with the shouts of "BINGO" loud and clear. Food and drink appealed to all tastes. Amusements lit up the evening starry sky. Battle of the Bands was bigger and better.

The 5K was announced by sponsor Paul Cotton of Joe Cotton Ford as we watched a sea of blue t-shirts converge on the Start line. James Ahern of Cassidy Tire greeted all the golfers at St. Andrew's Golf Course and thanked them for attending and suggested to the golfers, 'hit them long and hit them straight and have fun'.

The 3-on-3 was a successful addition to this year's Trifesta, as was Home Depot's kid's work table, our face painting, a balloon sculpting clown and our Bagz game. Our Raceway was very popular, and our sponsor's cars didn't receive too many dents.

St. Isidore was GREEN - with information telling us how to recycle "better" and how riding a bike can

charge a battery, and the sun baked chocolate chip cookies were delicious!!!

Fr. Jerry celebrated the 5:00 Mass outdoors - a beautiful and spiritual celebration.

Our many raffles contributed by Salerno Rosedale Chapels and Cassidy Tire were huge successes. The winners were indeed "Big Winners", Cubs, Sox, Bears, Bulls, and Blackhawk tickets. New tires, Sports Baskets and Cash winners - congratulations to all.

We know those who attended had a great time. Those who missed it, we missed you too, and because so many of you did miss Trifesta we are including a brief survey. Please take a few moments and answer our questions. The results of this survey will be a determining factor for next year's event.

Due to poor attendance at Trifesta '08, the committee is asking our parish to answer the following questions to determine if we will continue with plans for Trifesta '09.

Did you enjoy this year's Trifesta? _____

What was best? _____

What didn't you enjoy? _____

Didn't attend Trifesta? _____

Why? _____

Would date change make attendance possible? (1st weekend of school starting - Sept 4/5) _____

Return completed surveys in the collection basket or to the parish office. Mark your envelope "Trifesta Survey".