

from the Cloister

of Christ the King Church
Nashville, Tennessee

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

by Susan Casey

He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me.”
Matthew 10:40

The lyrics of Marty Haugen’s song *All Are Welcome in This Place* convey the mission of the MG Team at Christ the King. MG is the acronym for Mass Greeters, parishioners who share a smile, offer welcome, and help to set the tone for the celebration of Mass. To offer welcome and hospitality has long been a part of the Judeo-Christian tradition. It is through the act of welcoming that we first enter “this place” to experience community, a sense of Christ’s presence, and prepare for participation in the Eucharistic celebration. We come from all aspects of life to celebrate Mass, and for some it is their first experience within our parish community. MG’s offer a point of connection for newcomers who seek a place of worship, a community of friends, and a sense of belonging. Brian Schulz describes the ministry as “... a special part of our church. We have the opportunity to invite someone we may not know into our community. We all know how uncomfortable we feel when we join a new group; a warm and friendly smile can reward us beyond measure. That one greeting may be just what that person or family needs in their lives.”

Three MG teams share collectively in this ministry of welcome and hospitality, one team of volunteer parishioners for each Mass. Teams are comprised of individual parishioners, couples, and families. They arrive 20 – 30 minutes prior to Mass to offer a smile and a word of welcome and to distribute Mass aides. The MG’s also facilitate inquiries, give directions, and lend a helpful hand. They are the



Saturday Evening Mass Greeter Team

first person to be encountered upon arriving for Mass and thus convey the message of our parish community that *All Are Welcome*.

John and Carol Tures are members of the 8:30 Sunday MG team. John sees the ministry as a “step toward fuller participation in the Mass for those who are greeted warmly upon entering church.” And the MG ministry itself allows the greeter to “move from passive to active participation in the Mass.”

New team members for all MG teams are needed, but especially for the 11:00am Sunday Mass.

New parishioners can get to know the parish community, family participation allows children to serve, and long-standing parishioners share their time and talent. Families enjoy a special role on an MG team. Sharron Doyle serves with her family and states, “We enjoy being Mass greeters because it is an easy way for our family to serve our church family all together. It is a wonderful way to meet parish members that we may not know. I also enjoy being on the other end, and receive that welcoming smile from other greeters!”

We would love to have you join an MG team and promise to offer you a warm welcome! To become a member of an MG team, contact Susan Casey at ttc315@bellsouth.net or 969-0318.

WHY WE SERVE....THOUGHTS FROM MASS GREETERS

“Aside from the welcoming smiles, the Mass Greeters really help keep the back of the church neater. I appreciate that.” Mary Carter

“I enjoy seeing the 4:30 attendees and feel that a welcome smile to each adds a sense of community and friendship to parishioners and visitors alike.” Angela Henrick

“I enjoy being part of the MG team because it puts me in a good mood. When you are continually smiling at others, you end up feeling pretty good yourself. I also like the idea that I might help to put someone a little more at ease if they are apprehensive about coming in.” Valerie Cooper

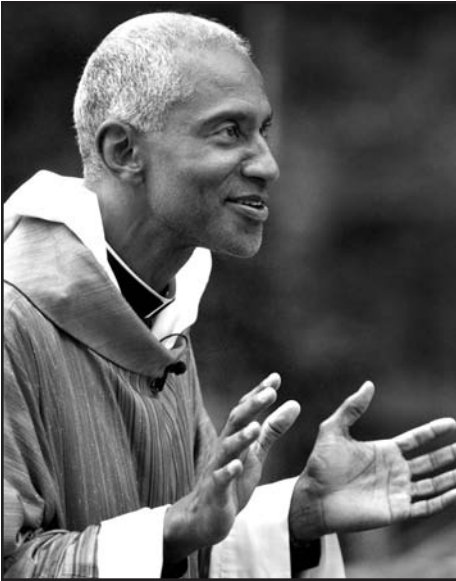
“I enjoy greeting. It is not every weekend, so it’s nice to do it every couple of weeks.” Beth Long

“Being a MG gives me an opportunity to personally welcome both long-time and new members to Mass and to represent our church community to them. I think it is important for Mass participants to see that our community wants them to feel at home and to be greeted by a warm, friendly smile.” Mike Clepper

Christ the King has a reputation as a welcoming place. We the greeters just make that a reality before all the Masses. It is also interesting to see how many people see that we are picking up the music sheets left in the pews and they start to help. It makes the job very easy! Anne Clepper

“It is a great opportunity to get to know my fellow parishioners at the 4:30pm mass and to help formulate a welcoming environment to the Christ the King community.” Dee Stoffer ☺

DOES DIVORCE PREVENT ME FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH?



Father Dexter Brewer, Pastor

Some years ago, I made a visit to the home of a woman who had called the church office asking to be anointed. During our conversation, she revealed that she had been away from the Church for some forty years or more and that she missed being able to receive communion. I asked why she was separated from the Lord's Table. She explained that she had divorced an abusive husband and then remarried civilly. Her second husband had died thirty years earlier, but she believed that because she had divorced her first husband she was excommunicated. My heart sank on hearing that she believed this to be so and that she had been away from the Church for so long simply because she had bad information.

Since then, I have encountered many in the

Church who held the belief that divorce brings with it the penalty of excommunication or some other change in one's status in the Catholic community. But divorce is not penalized in the Church. The old Church law of 1917 provided the penalty of excommunication for those who had their marriage vows witnessed by a **non-Catholic minister**. The Church saw this action as a challenge to its unity and its authority. There was no such penalty of excommunication, however, if a person allowed a civil official (judge, magistrate, etc.) to witness the vows. Such marriages were not valid, of course, since Catholics are bound to have a priest or deacon ask for and receive their vows before at least two other people. But there was no penalty of excommunication. And there was no penalty under the old law for receiving a civil divorce.

Divorce did not in the past and does not now change a person's status in the Church. A divorced person is free to participate in the sacramental life of the Church with no restrictions. This is so because the Catholic community does not recognize any power in a civil divorce to "undo" the bond of marriage. Persons who are merely civilly divorced are still considered married under Church law. The bond of marriage is not created by the civil law — or Church law for that matter — but rather by the parties' free exchange of consent before God. Since the bond is not created by law, it cannot be undone by law, either civil or ecclesiastical.

The Church acknowledges that there are some people who have consented to marriage who may need to live separately from one another. The canon law makes provisions for such separation. But this separation is not the same as saying that there is no bond of marriage. Only a Church tribunal can make this determination.

If a person enters marriage without a

celebration which satisfies the Church's legal requirements, the marriage may be invalid and the person's status in the Church may be irregular. This can happen if, for example, a first marriage is celebrated by anyone other than a deacon, priest or bishop (and no dispensation has been granted), or if a person who has exchanged consent in the past fails to petition a Church tribunal for a declaration of invalidity of the first marriage. From the Church's perspective, based on its understanding of the gospels, persons can't pledge to live a lifetime with one person and then pledge to do the same with another without there being some accounting for what happened in the first marriage.

Couples call together friends and family to witness their vows. "I, N., take you, S., to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." If, after pronouncing these sacred words — words akin to the words of consecration at Eucharist — the relationship crumbles, as some do, the community (or its representatives) has a right to know why it didn't work. The community or its representative has a right to know because the community is a beneficiary of the marriage. Baptized couples who enter marriage in the Catholic Church promise to be a sign to the community of God's enduring love and his constancy.

The Church continues to teach that those who are in irregular marriages should seek to correct their situation, and they should refrain from the sacraments until they have settled these matters of grave importance. But persons who are divorced and who have not remarried are encouraged to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. ☩

COMFORT AND SADNESS

A number of weeks ago, I wrote an article for *The Cloister*. We were in the midst of what the media dubbed The Crisis in the Church. Europeans were apparently experiencing what Americans had experienced a few years prior — an awakening to the fact that Catholic clergy had abused many children, and the episcopacy in many dioceses had covered up these crimes for many years. As happened to me in 2004, waves of disillusionment and anger took me under so I had to undergo a period of discernment. What did God ask of me in this situation? How was I to respond to this dysfunction within the family I love so dearly, so deeply?

I did discern one clear response to my questions — I was to be honest. I was to talk about the situation and my feelings. One way for me to do that is to write — so I wrote the article for *The Cloister*. Apparently that process helped me get back up to calmer waters. I no longer want to publish the article I originally wrote — it is buried somewhere in my file drawer. Members of the church have made some attempts to deal with the significant questions the scandal raises — I pray we continue to do so. The oil spill is now the crisis du jour in the media.

Yet one image lingers — it is the pieta. Now when I look at Mary mourning the abused and broken body of her beloved child, I think of those nameless children who were abused, ironically and so sadly, by members of the Body of Christ. ☩

HOW GAILE OWENS FORCED ME TO DIG DEEPER INTO MY RELIGION

by Tessa Lemos Del Pino

As a cradle Catholic, I haven't always known the Church's stance on the many issues. At times, I even hid from finding out what the official position might be for fear of disagreement. However, I am no longer content with hiding my head in the sand. Furthermore as a parent, I need to be able to explain to my children why we do what we do. So I enrolled in the Why Catholic program as a first step to learn more of the official rules and opinions. Starting with the Sacraments felt like safe territory.

The opening words of the prayer — *Be silent, still, aware* floated into my mind at a recent silent Centering Prayer retreat at St. Mary's Sewanee. When my voice is silent and my body is still, my mind has more space to be — *silent... still... aware*. Thomas Merton said, *If we really want prayer, we'll have to give it time. We must slow down to a human tempo, and we'll begin to have time to listen.*

However, recently, I stepped into deeper water in Church teachings on a very controversial issue—the death penalty. Hearing that Tennessee was about to execute a battered woman immediately hit a cord. I feared my gut instinct in opposition might go against the Church. But I also felt I could not ignore the issue with her death looming in the near future, particularly after being asked by a couple of friends to sign her petition for clemency. I didn't know a whole lot about the case so I reviewed the website where the petition is posted—www.friendsofgaileowens.com—and several news articles.

In my research, I learned on September 28, 2010, the State of Tennessee will execute Gaile Owens, a victim of domestic violence. In 1985, Gaile Owens was sentenced to die for her role in the death of her abusive husband, Ron Owens. Ms. Owens's clemency attorney, George Barrett, filed a clemency petition with the Governor that traces Ms. Owens's history of abuse by her uncle, father, and finally her husband—abuse that the jury never heard. At the time of her trial, the court system was ill-equipped and failed to understand the dynamics of domestic violence. Although Ms. Owens disclosed some of the abuse to a court-appointed psychologist, Ms. Owens's trial lawyers never inter-

viewed the expert. In fact, the trial lawyers spent a mere two hours preparing for Ms. Owens's death penalty trial.

Ms. Owens was so filled with shame and remorse for what she had done, she immediately made it known that she wished to plead guilty and accept a sentence of life in prison. However, the assistant district attorney general made the offer contingent on acceptance of a guilty plea by both Ms. Owens and the man who actually killed her husband, Sidney Porterfield. He refused. (Porterfield is scheduled to have a hearing on his mental fitness on September 30, 2010.) At this point, it seems only the Governor can save her.

After learning more about Gaile Owens and hearing of another church's opposition to her execution, I began to wonder where the Catholic Church comes down on capital punishment?

I began by visiting with the priest of the church where I spent my first 18 years and still return to when I visit my parents. I was very hesitant, but the priest was very helpful and open to discuss the issue with me. The priest started by leading me to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The fifth commandment tells us “You shall not kill.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church goes on to explain, “Human life is sacred because from the beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.”

No one. This is where things begin to get dicey when it comes to capital punishment. We know as humans, we shall not kill. But what about the state as a means of punishment?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church goes on to say:

“If instead bloodless means are sufficient to defend against the aggressor and to protect the safety of persons, public authority should limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person.” (2267)

“Today, in fact, given the means at the State's disposal to effectively repress crime by rendering inoffensive the one who has committed it, without depriving him definitely of the possibility of redeeming himself, cases of absolute necessity for suppression of the offender ‘today . . . are very rare, if not practically non-existent.’” (John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* 56)

As Catholics and a citizen of the State of Tennessee, we are repeatedly presented with the issue of the death penalty. This time we are faced with the nationally publicized case of a victim of domestic violence.

In the case of Gaile Owens, it seems the Catholic Church would not support the death penalty. Redemption through bloodless means is possible and appropriate. Execution feels unnecessarily extreme. It feels wrong particularly given her model behavior as an inmate, immediately accepting responsibility and a willingness to serve out a life sentence. It feels wrong knowing she was a victim of domestic violence.

After discussing the case with the priest, he went on to explain that in many ways Gaile is the victim. Instead of protecting Gaile as a child from abuse by her father or uncle, protecting her as a wife from her abusive husband, and honoring her right to an adequate defense or their plea agreement, the state is set to execute this battered woman in a few months. Furthermore, by executing Gaile, the state is committing an act of finality interfering with the possibility of redemption.

After talking with the priest, I breathed in a huge sigh of relief to learn that my gut instinct fell into line with the Church's teachings. I am not one who usually gets politically active, but the story of Gaile Owens put me on a spiritual journey that forced me to take a stand and brought me closer to the Church.

The Governor can grant clemency and allow Gaile Owens to live out a life sentence rather than die at the hands of the State of Tennessee and all of its citizens. More than 10,700 people (Catholic and non-Catholic) have signed a petition to endorse clemency for Gaile Owens, at the website www.friendsofgaile.com. Please consider visiting the website. ☸

REFLECTIONS ON A CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

by Martha O'Brien

Every Friday morning I practice Centering Prayer with a group that meets at Christ the King. Before our twenty minutes of silence, we pray:

Be silent, still, aware
For there in your own heart
The Spirit is at prayer
Listen and learn
Open and find
Heart wisdom Christ

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BE SILENT...

As I drove from Nashville to Sewanee, I turned off the radio and cell phone to begin my week of silence. The theme of the Contemplative Outreach retreat was Heartfulness: Transformation in Christ. We watched DVDs of Fr. Thomas Keating's teachings and shared in a wisdom circle for an hour every day while the rest of the day was silent. Every day, we practiced Centering Prayer for five thirty-minute periods. As we sat in a circle of chairs, the silence of the group praying together created sacred space and holy time.

BE STILL...

In our race-track lives, we have conditioned our bodies to push through the day. In constant motion, we hardly notice if we are even breathing. After years of Centering Prayer practice, I have learned that my body wants me to slow down and can reach a still point with practice. When my body begins to

relax, I am attuned to listen. And when I make space and time to listen, God is waiting.

BE AWARE...

When I am silent and still, my senses wake up. I notice tiny things like raindrops filling a bird bath. During dawn and afternoon walks, I was immersed in the beauty of God's creation. I picked yellow and purple wildflowers for my room and watched magnolia buds unfold into fragrant blooms. One evening the last rays of the sun peaked through dark clouds casting light beams on the valley below.

WHAT REMAINS AFTER THE RETREAT?

Centering Prayer is a prayer of consent — one moment at a time. Consent becomes surrender and surrender becomes total receptivity. Life unfolds. It takes a lifetime.



SHOULD CATHOLICS BE BORED?

by Bob True

A friend recently gave me an article entitled, *Bored People Die Younger*. The article quoted statistics from a study done in the UK in the mid-1980's with 7,500 civil servants. After 25 years they found that people who had said that they were bored in the original screening were nearly 40% more likely to have died than those who found their lives more interesting. The same study revealed that people living with high levels of tedium were 2.5 times more likely to die of heart disease. All further proof of the powerful mind — body connection!

The article made me think of another question. Should Catholics be bored (unhappy with the status quo)? For us it's not just the mind — body connection; it's the mind — body — Spirit connection. The body reflects the mind and the mind reflects the spirit. And if I

learn to connect with the Spirit within me and around me, no way can I be bored! The Spirit will see to that. Boredom is a state of mind, and since we choose our thoughts, we choose to think, "Bored!" Such a thought is a product of the ego, not the Spirit. I see it as part of the second by second decision to think negative thoughts or positive thoughts. If I'm bored, it's what my spiritual director called eye-strain, with a capital I. The prescription for that illness is to do something for someone else.

Bored at Mass? How much time and attention are you putting into it? In order to get to know someone you have to spend time with them and give them your attention. Are you one of those who perpetually arrive at Mass ten minutes after the Opening Prayer or leave immediately after Communion? What did you miss that the Spirit God offered you, an intro

that puts the entire message of the day into perspective, a special final blessing? The good Sisters used to teach that you had not met your Sunday obligation until you received the final blessing from Father. And where is the mind when you do arrive? Are you listening to the Spirit reaching out to you in the readings, the homily, and the prayers? As I used to tell my teenagers, "We don't go to Mass to be entertained, we go to give thanks." Faith is gift, religion is gratitude.

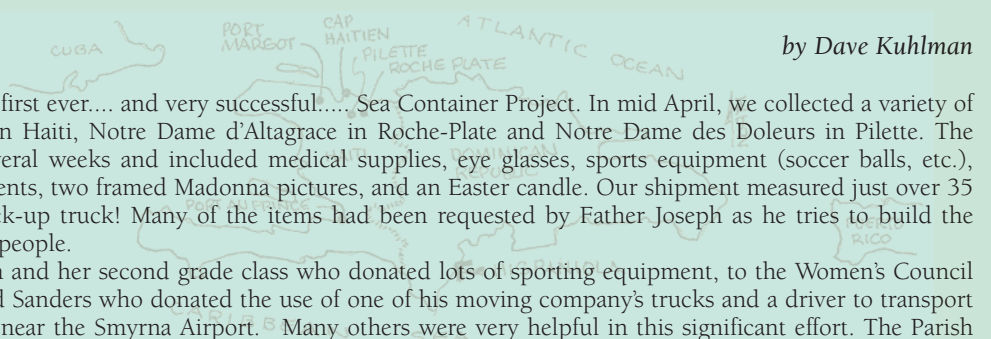
As Catholic Christians we believe that everything is spiritual and that we are all interconnected — that's the foundation of Sacrament and of the Body of Christ. We're all in this together. If we are bored, we simply need to remind ourselves, it's not "me", it's "we". Bored? What's that?

SHIP OF HOPE OUR TWIN PARISHES IN HAITI

Many thanks to all who helped in our first ever.... and very successful.... Sea Container Project. In mid April, we collected a variety of items for shipment to our twin parishes in Haiti, Notre Dame d'Altagrace in Roche-Plate and Notre Dame des Doleurs in Pilette. The collection took place over a period of several weeks and included medical supplies, eye glasses, sports equipment (soccer balls, etc.), toiletries, school supplies, musical instruments, two framed Madonna pictures, and an Easter candle. Our shipment measured just over 35 cubic feet—hopefully, a good load for a pick-up truck! Many of the items had been requested by Father Joseph as he tries to build the community.... especially among the young people.

Special thanks go to Sherry Woodman and her second grade class who donated lots of sporting equipment, to the Women's Council who framed the two Madonna's, and to Ted Sanders who donated the use of one of his moving company's trucks and a driver to transport our collected items to the shipment point near the Smyrna Airport.

by Dave Kuhlman



DEACON DAVE: ANSWERING THE CALL

by Tessa Lemos Del Pino

“**B**efore I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”
Jeremiah 1:5

From his youngest days, David Lybarger felt called. Over the years he has repeatedly answered that call. As a child he stayed with his grandmother over the summers because her house was closer to the church than his was and he rode his bicycle three miles to perform his duties as an altar server. He recalls, “I loved being close to the liturgy and the rituals of the church. I am in my element when I am in those rituals.” His grandmother, Katherine, was a devout Catholic and credits her influence in developing his devotion.

Even as a child, he was drawn to the Church. His love of and familiarity with the liturgy and priesthood was what he longed for. In his early years growing up in a German immigrant community in Southern Illinois, he didn’t know many non-Catholics until he reached High School. His first years of schooling were in a public school adjacent to the Church and taught by nuns. When he reached high school age, he wanted to go into seminary but finances prohibited his attendance at a preparatory high school, which was required to enter the seminary. It was then that he “learned the ways of the world and quit going to church for 6 to 8 years.”

During his undergraduate program in nursing at the University of Evansville, he met his future wife, Cindy. He transferred to the university from a community college and placed into junior status, but for the psychiatric nursing test. In order to get tutored in that area, he was given the name of A students from the previous class. That is how his wife-to-be, Cindy entered his life, as a tutor. But she would also help lead him back to his spiritual path. “When



I met Cindy, I saw the things that I believed deep down inside but had abandoned. So it was through her that I started back to the Church.”

Before Dave and Cindy married, “We both agreed they wanted to be all about service.” Whether their ministry would be through their work as nurse practitioners or through the Church itself, they knew this was how they were to share their lives.

They both graduated from their nursing programs and went on to study the field further. He earned his MS in Nursing at the University of Texas in Arlington. He served as a nurse practitioner in Dallas working with the homeless. Then, his father was diagnosed with an illness that drew Lybarger and his wife closer to his father’s Illinois home. They eventually ended up in Nashville where Cindy began her Masters program at Vanderbilt University. Since 2003 he has served returning veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Nurse Practitioner in primary care with the Veterans Administration. Cindy is also a Nurse Practitioner and works in pediatric endocrinology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Through their vocations they have kept their commitment to serve others.

Through the years, Dave and Cindy also became more active in the church. When at Holy Family Church in Irving Texas they were in the choir. During that time, I regained a closeness to church and revitalized those dreams (of being involved in the liturgy).” Just as he had done in Dallas, in his early years at Christ the King, he was a member of the choir, a lecturer and a Eucharistic minister. For many years, close to 15, he thought about becoming a deacon. Although Vatican II re-established the diaconate, it was not widely known or popular in the United States until the late 1970s. It was many years before the concept actively filtered down in America.

Around 2001 or 2002, Father Mallet nominated Lybarger for the 4-year diaconate program. With Cindy’s full support, in 2002,

he began his studies and was ordained in 2006. As a servant of the Bishop, Deacon Dave’s responsibilities include offering the sacraments, assisting in mass, reading the gospel and being a minister of the cup.

In September 2006, Deacon Dave’s spiritual journey took him to Monteforte de Lemos, Spain. There he embarked on a pilgrimage known as Camino de Santiago, or The Way of St. James. It is believed that after being beheaded, the remains of St. James were taken to Santiago de Compostela, where he is believed to be buried. For over 1000 years, people have been making this pilgrimage for various reasons. Each pilgrim who walks at least 100 km or cycles a minimum of 200 km can earn a certificate of accomplishment for having completed the Way. This certificate is called a compostela. Then each day at noon, there is a pilgrim’s mass at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The starting point and country of origins of pilgrims who have received their compostela are announced. In earning his compostela, Deacon Dave he lost 18 pounds in 6 days and as a Deacon he participated in the pilgrim’s mass. He was spiritually and physically transformed by this trip.

In addition to being blessed with a wonderful wife, Deacon Dave is the proud father of four children. Their youngest son, Alex is a rising senior at Father Ryan. His oldest son Nathan was recently married and is studying at the Nashville School of Law. His only daughter, Katie, is living in Austin and his son Nick is studying at Johns Hopkins University.

“When I think of that 6 to 8 year absence, where I’ve been, where I am now, it becomes clearer and clearer that I don’t deserve anything that I have. (It is) God’s grace and the salvation offered by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. I have a wonderful, healthy family, a loving, healthy, supportive wife, a job in a ministry where I get to use that in my work, and the community at Christ the King. Not anything in life could be more perfect. I don’t acknowledge that nearly enough.” ☪

Twinning Program packed our boxes with others, transported items collected from the over 300 “twinned” U.S. parishes to a sea port, and then shipped all items to Port-au-Prince in Haiti. A HUGE enterprise!

The Sea Container Project occurs once each year. We are already working on next year’s shipment and hoping to secure other items on Father Joseph’s “wish list,” among them a Toyota diesel pick-up truck (4 wheel drive with a bed liner), two diesel-fueled power generators (7.5 to 15 kW), a solar power system, two submersible water pumps (suitable for a 60 to 70 feet setting), computers (with printers and supplies), salaries for teachers in the parish school, and more medical supplies, school supplies, and musical instruments. Father Joseph is quick to remind us that these are “wishes”..... if we can collect any or all of them, fine.... if not, he and his parishioners will appreciate anything we can do to help them out.

Our Support Group is trying to reschedule our fact finding trip to Haiti that was postponed because of the January earthquake. We are also trying to put together a Haitian Creole language class and a class in the history of Haiti. Please keep our efforts in your prayers. Remember, too, Father Joseph and his parishioners (indeed, all of the people of Haiti) in your prayers. For more information or to get involved in our efforts to help our Twin Parishes, call Dave Kuhlman at 360-9697.

GARDENERS PERSEVERED IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS

by Jim Bryan

What a spring! There was rain, rain and then floods on the weekends. Then incredible heat during June. The weather does not always cooperate with gardeners or their plans. That would include the parishioners, families and groups that have adopted the 19 gardening beds on our Christ the King campus.

Fortunately for our parish, our gardeners, for the most part, have persevered in the face of adverse conditions. That is certainly true of Debbie Sanders and Suzanne Frame, who were awarded the garden of the year award for 2010. A panel of judges, including Father Dexter, Bob True, Lucia Huskey and Nancy Rohling gave the award to Debbie and Suzanne for their work in tending Father Dexter's patio garden. The garden surrounds 3

sides of the patio and includes the area in front of the wooden privacy fence. A plaque commemorating this award is now proudly displayed in the garden.

The runner up award went to Mariann Morris for her work on the Father Vince Kaufman memorial garden, located between the St. Joseph chapel and the rectory.

There was a tie for the 3rd place award between Peter & Kathleen Donofrio for the cornerstone garden to the right of the Church entrance, by the church cornerstone and Kathleen Ervin for the border bed around the lower front steps in front of the Church.



Many thanks to Debbie and Suzanne and all the other gardeners for their work in beautifying the parish grounds. ☘

AMAZING QUARTET DEBUTS AT CTK



Father Dexter, his teacher Sin-Tung Chiu, his brother Spencer, and Mark Huskey delighted crowds at their June concert.

NEWCOMERS' ACADEMY — MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

INTERNATIONAL NEWCOMER ACADEMY

This Spring, Christ the King Parish paired up with The International Newcomer Academy at John Overton High School to provide volunteers to work with ELL (English Language Learner) students. The volunteers met with "their" students every week to help them learn basic skills such as multiplication tables, English vocabulary words, and other fundamental skills necessary to navigate high school in

the United States. Teaching skills or high-level classroom skills would be welcome, but they are not required!

The Christ the King Peace through Justice Committee offers this chance to make a difference in the lives of some of the newest members of the Nashville Community! The following quote from the volunteer log tells of a recent class session:

"Today we reviewed opposites. I realized that they had not memorized all the opposites

so we took turns and reviewed the opposites two times. Then we had a quiz. I asked them to speak out if they knew the answers.... I think they had fun while learning. After the project was over, we gave ourselves a round of applause!"

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please email jeannemarchetti@bellsouth.net or call Jeanne at 615.665.1854. ☘

by Jeanne Marchetti

CALLING ALL TEENS — SPREAD THE WORD

JOIN US AFTER THE 6 PM MASS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS EMAIL JOE AT JOET@CTK.ORG FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING!

SCHOOL NEWS

by Kathy Reese

The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us (well, maybe not so lazy!) which brings time to reflect on the school year. The end of the school year brings joy, relief, and some sadness. It is a time for faculty, staff, and students to embark on a period of rest and relaxation, but for eighth graders or rising freshmen, the end of the school year signifies a transition into another phase of their lives. The focus at this time of year is on the accomplishments of our students.

The month of May was a whirlwind of activities for all students, faculty, and staff, but particularly for the eighth graders. Confirmation by Bishop Choby took place on May 7. On May 16, eighth graders began their week-long trip to Washington, DC accompanied by Father Dexter, Miss Wilson, and Mrs. Woodman. Next on the agenda for these busy students was Field Day on May 24, followed by the Academic Banquet the next day. At the banquet, ten eighth graders who achieved Honor Roll and ten students who made the Principal's List, were recognized, and four scholarships were given to eighth grade students for their high school careers. And, finally, on May 26, graduation launched them from CKS to a new chapter in their lives.

Of course, the rest of the students were also busy with their own achievements to complete the school year. Despite the flooding

the first weekend of May, second grade students received their First Holy Communion on May 2 (those second graders who were not able to be there had a later ceremony). At the Academic Banquet, a total of 133 students were honored for Honor Roll and Principal's List, and nine scholarships were awarded for the coming school year. Four students were recognized for their performance in the Duke University TIP Program; in addition, thirteen new students were identified by the TIP Program. At the Spelling Bee held on May 25, Matthew Canonico came in first, with his brother Michael at second. Both will represent CKS at the Metro Spelling Bee in February 2011. The Talent Show, held on May 25, included 27 acts with over 100 students performing. Everyone agreed that this show was the best ever. And finally, Gail Caudle, who is the Resource Teacher for all grade levels, received the Teacher Excellence Award for her tireless efforts in helping students with study skills, reading, and math.

During the torrential rains of May 1 and 2, the school library flooded. Many thanks go out to Mr. Howington, the Doyle's, the Dahlhauser's, the Wesnofkes', the Downey's, the St. Charles', the Hobbs, the Coursey's, the Mistler's, and Morgan Holmes, who moved books and did all they could do to limit damages — without them, matters would have been much worse. On Monday, more families, faculty, and staff were on hand to help. A

special thank you goes out to Ted Sanders Moving Company for donating boxes and lending carts. The renovation in the library includes replacing the floor and putting up new dry wall and wall coverings, all to be completed time before school opens in August. CKS's on-going dedication to Green projects was evident those last weeks of school — lights were used as little as possible, and during the water crisis, we rationed that precious resource wherever feasible.

The end-of-year excitement also anticipated the building project. One of the highlights of the fundraising campaign occurred on May 26 when Mr. Jim Carell presented the school with a check for one million dollars as the students looked on. The campaign is very close to its goal of four million dollars. As of this writing, CKS may not have to borrow much money to complete Phase One of the project which involves demolishing the old gym during the summer. The building and renovating will begin early in the school year, and will be completed next spring. While the work is being done, several classrooms will be relocated. All of us are so very grateful for the improvements which will enhance the school for years to come.

Excited as we are about the building project, everyone is looking forward to the beginning of the new school year, but until then, rest and relaxation are the key words. ☺

CHRIST THE KING ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

by Janet Morgan

Around 20 years ago, a couple of Christ the King parents formed what is now known as the Christ the King Athletic Association (CTKAA). They worked long and hard to provide financial support and purchase equipment and supplies for the many sports programs offered at Christ the King School. A few years ago, John Morgan agreed to be President of the CTKAA. He made a commitment for as long as he has children at the school. That was in 2002-2003, and this year John and Janet Morgan's youngest will be in first grade...so it looks like they have a few more years to go!

The primary focus of CTKAA is to support the Jack Long Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship awarded a rising eighth grader at Christ the King School. Long time

parishioners will remember Jack Long, who graduated from Christ the King in 1965 and from Father Ryan in 1969. His family meant the world, and he believed in Catholic Education. Jack, an attorney, was also instrumental in the relocation of Father Ryan from Elliston Place to Norwood Drive.

Sadly, on May 4, 1992, Jack was killed in a car accident, leaving behind his wife, Linda, and three children. The following spring, and with Linda's blessing, his life-long friend Jay Catignani and several others (Steve Ramsey, Dan Catignani & David Francescon, just to name a few!) started what we all know as the Jack Long Scholarship. Two main fundraisers support the scholarships—the sale of fresh Christmas trees and the Jack Long Memorial Golf Tournament, to be held this year on July 11, 2010. We'll announce the winner in the

next issue of the *Cloister*!

The recipients for the 2010-2011 school year are Rachel Grover and Alyssa Shahan. In their letters of thanks, Rachel said that "This scholarship was a great honor and privilege ...You have given me a chance to continue my Catholic Education." Alyssa states that "...I hope that this year when I am in the eighth grade, the younger grades will think of me as nice and caring." I think Jack would be happy to hear that.

Everyone who knew Jack Long described him as a loving and caring man. As Jay Catignani said, "Jack was just a good ole Belmont Boy." It is our hope that the CTKAA is able to provide a Christ the King student with a scholarship in Jack Long's memory for many years to come! ☺

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

by Anne Wehby

Coming off a busy spring season, the Women's Council will use the summer break to gear up for our Annual Fall Dinner and Silent Auction.

We enjoyed a very successful Spring Fling thanks to the generous support of parishioners who shopped our baked goods, plants, and crafts sale. We also gathered in May for a luncheon in the grotto where members of the day and evening groups had the opportunity to meet as one for good food and great conversation. We'd love to have

more women of the Parish join us in our activities. Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at both 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to accommodate varying schedules.

In the fall, we will host our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. This year, the event will be held in conjunction with the Parish's celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The festivities will occur Saturday, November 13th, and we invite all members of the Parish to attend. We promise a delicious dinner, excellent company, and many wonderful auction items.

Finally, we would like to extend our hearty congratulations to Jeanne Meyer, recipient of the Women's Council Scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year. We are proud to support such a deserving young lady and her family.

If you have any questions regarding the Women's Council, please contact either Mary Ann Wieck at 373-0295 or Ann Wehby at 476-2222. ☎

Milestones in Faith

Weddings

Ames Davis and Mary Frances Hazinski
Marshall Douglas Fall and Andrea Nicole Semmes
Stephen Francis Hannaway and Elizabeth Nicoll Doramus
Louis Gerard Kernion and Mary Jane Stucker

John Patrick Netti and Lori Annette Anderson
Angelo Sean Orlando and Laura Lynn Norwood
David Andrew Petersen and Sarah Catherine Anthony
Steven Lee Silas and Christy Michele Frakes

Baptisms / Professions of Faith

Hailey Michelle Barnett (*Profession of Faith*)
Hannah Nicole Berrell (*Profession of Faith*)
Isabella Grace Berrell
Iris Meredith Casey
Lori Wood Caste (*Profession of Faith*)
May Gueydan Cox
Evelyn Grace Denbo
Carson Russell Dunn
Mary Katherine Eberlin
Robert William Estep
Samuel Coleman Estep
Hudson James Ewald
Anna Grace Farner
Monica Tackett Farner (*Profession of Faith*)
William Joseph Farner (*Profession of Faith*)
Glenn Edward Farner, Jr. (*Profession of Faith*)

Michael William Robertson Gawley
Katherine Gayle Gregory
Lucy Eloise Eleanor Hernandez
William Andrew Hunter
William Nix Joyner
Anna Lynn Kelley
Derek Michelle Marquardt
Grace Elizabeth Miller
Roswell Thomas Miller
Connor Joseph Olivier (*Profession of Faith*)
Lucy Eloise Whittaker Perez
Emily Grace Peterson
Luke McGuinness Pietsch
Margaret Magdalene Pyburn
Ava Grace Rudolph
William Berry Sawyer

Jennifer Kate Shields
Olivia Charlotte Smart
Ozzy Randell Stacey (*Profession of Faith*)
Hunter Samuel Stricklin
Hanna Louise Towery
Isaiah Clifton Towery
Brian Martin Vogel
Joshua Vogel
Tia Ebony Vogel
Timberly Lauren Vogel
Serafina Florence Welhoelter
Louisa Marie Willson
Reece Tucker Wright
Ryland Michael Wright

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Laura Behne
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Jennifer Berrell
Sarah Blankenship
April Bradley
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Stephanie Burke
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