

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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Parish News

Blessing of the Animals



On October 4th Father Mark conducted The Blessing of the Animals, commemorating the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is the patron saint to the poor and suffering, and to the animals. The number of dogs skunked the cats and all others with an 18 - 0 victory this year.

We believe the cats were watching from a secured unknown location though. The blessing was a joyous time and there were no accidents to report. If you are a pet owner, our hope is that you will join us for next year's blessing. May God's blessings descend upon all our beloved pets and the animals of the world. - Fr. Mark



Daylight Savings

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 2nd.



Our Christmas for Kids program is underway! This year, we are partnering with the Marine Corp League's Toys for Tots with hopes of bringing a brighter Christmas into the homes of our local underprivileged children, ages toddler through 12 years old. Any monies we receive will still be dedicated to Christmas Toys purchased for about 750 underprivileged school children (pre K - 5th grade) at our adopted school, Wyomina Park Elementary School in Ocala, where our first lady of the church, Valda Niznik is School Principal. All physical toys donated will be distributed through Toys for Tots in the Bellevue area, benefiting our local community's underprivileged children. If you purchase toys directly, they must be new, untampered, unwrapped and in their original packaging. We have a drop off box inside of the church. No weapon type toys please. All checks should be payable to **"Backpack Program"** and please write **"Christmas for Kids"** in the memo section. Monetary donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law as the Backpack Program is an outreach ministry program of our church. May God bless all those we seek to help bring a moment of joy into their lives.
Grace, Father Mark

Communion Class

First Holy Communion Classes are now being held in the social hall following the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Students not yet baptized are welcome to begin attending as they will undergo instruction and preparation for baptism as well.



YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at 9:00am at Cal's Restaurant in Belleview. All men from the parish are encouraged to attend. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



St. Paul Choir

We have a fantastic, spirited choir here at St. Paul's, under the direction of Charley Stoykovich. We are still looking for singers for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Anyone interested in joining the choir can meet here at the church on Tuesdays at 6:00pm for practice.



Ladies Adoration Society

Thank You dear Lord for your many blessings on our Society.



We are now beginning to make plans for our busy holiday season starting Saturday, November 29th with the sale of our Christmas Cookie Tray raffle tickets. The drawing will be on Saturday, December 20th for these beautiful large trays of cookies baked by the ladies of our Adoration Society. On December 20th & 21st, the winners will be announced at the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Last year we had 22 happy winners.

Just a reminder that retreat money is due December 1st. The cost for 2 nights and 5 meals are a double room \$140 each and single room \$190.



The date for the Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 6th starting at 11:30am at the Nancy Lopez Restaurant in The Villages. All the ladies of the parish are welcome.

Please let Dori Canfield know if you will be attending.



POCKETBOOKS, POCKETBOOKS (gently used) - we need them for our Victorian Tea in February. They can be dropped off at the Social Hall.



On behalf of myself and all the ladies of our Adoration Society, I would like to wish you all a most blessed and healthy Thanksgiving.

In His Service, *Dori Canfield*

Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 16th following the 11:00am Mass in church.



Father Mark is conducting bible class on Thursdays, 10:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



The Confirmation Class meets with Father Tom Basta following the Thursday Bible Study Class inside the social hall.



Backpack Program

Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays, in the bins in the back of the church.



Birthdays

- 1st** Greg Curtis
- 3rd** Mary Klein
- 4th** **Father Tom Basta**
Marylin Anzel
Shelley Murphy
Bud Rockefeller
- 5th** Rita Carbone
- 8th** Helen Grimes
- 10th** Linda Enot
- 12th** Esther Charney-Irvine
- 15th** **Father Mark Niznik**
Vera Pitel
- 17th** Elaine DalNegro
- 18th** Jack Ross
- 19th** Cindy Kloiber
- 20th** Susan Hilt
- 22nd** Mary Czykieta
Ted Florio
- 23rd** Ray Dwyer
Tina Ostrowski
- 24th** Terry Stuck
- 26th** Dolly Barie
- 27th** Rich Ostrowski
- 28th** Mary MacMillan

Offering Envelopes



Offering Envelopes for 2015 will be available around the middle of the month of December.



Anniversaries

- 8th** Fernando & Susan Varela
- 15th** Ted & Ro Kopec
- 19th** Bob & Nancy Charlebois
- 25th** Donald & Mary Czulewicz
- 26th** Jack & Dotty Middleton
- 30th** Charley & Charlotte Stoykovich

* Members, if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

Golf League



Our church golf league will be meeting on each Tuesday of every month, beginning on November 18th at 8:30am at Spruce Creek Del Webb in Summerfield. Golfers are paired into groups of 4 players in scramble format. If any men or women are interested in joining our fun league, please contact Susan Hilt at 352-307-2129. Bring your friends. All are welcome. Sign up sheets will be posted in the social hall.

Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all you can eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter and your choice of a free beverage, either coffee, iced tea or lemonade. Adults are just \$6.00 (note price change) and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for only \$1.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-454-8673 and let him know how many in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

Words for Thought

Today is a new day. You will get out of it just what you put into it. If you have made mistakes, even serious mistakes, there is always another chance for you... You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call "failure" is not the falling down, but the staying down.

Mary Pickford



On Monday, December 1st, Life Line Screening will be held at Cherokee Adult Recreation Center in Belleview. This is sponsored by Munroe Regional Medical Center. Life Line Screening is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. These tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow. The screenings are fast, accurate, and available at an affordable rate. Life Line provides these non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology. There will be 4 tests in less than 1 hour. To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

Annual Meeting



Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 8, 2015. This is the date of our annual meeting. It will be in the social hall following the 11:00am Mass. All members are encourage to attend this meeting.

Charley's Album



Last year our choir director, Charley Stoykovich's album *It's All Good* was released for the holiday season. Charley has written, arranged and produced the 10 songs on this album. Please see Charley after the weekend Masses for this CD. The price is \$10.

Below is the list of songs.

1. It's All Good
2. The Real Me
3. Build Your Heaven
4. Sing With Me
5. Give It Away
6. Mercifulacts
7. I'm Gonna Walk
8. What His Mary Saw
9. I Can't Wait
10. A Christmas Lullaby