



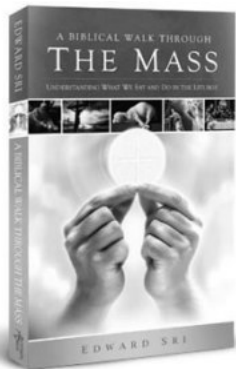
# THE BELL TOWER TIMES



Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 2011

Maplewood, Minnesota



## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 12TH

*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* with Dr. Edward Sri is a five-parts study that provides a unique tour of the timeless Liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass that goes into effect on the first Sunday of Advent 2011, this study explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance.

As you explore the biblical roots of the Catholic Liturgy, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will see, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

The study will be offered at Presentation for five consecutive Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 12th. Each 90-minute session will include a DVD presentation from Dr. Sri and small-group discussion. Each participant will receive a book and a student workbook.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Registrations are due by Monday, September 26. Registration forms are available online ([www.presentationofmary.org](http://www.presentationofmary.org)) or at the parish office.

## HOME COMING WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 17TH & 18TH

Presentation is hosting its 3rd annual Homecoming event. The event is designed to welcome back our Presentation friends, reconnect with people we know, and help everyone to know what is happening at Presentation.

The homecoming activities will include specially-themed Masses throughout the weekend with complimentary food and hospitality after Mass under a tent outside in front of the church.

Hosted by the Parish Council and Stewardship Commission, the weekend will also feature some of the activities of the parish, and will extend an invitation for everyone to become more involved. We will again be offering a



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# PARISH ENTERS “HOME STRETCH” OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

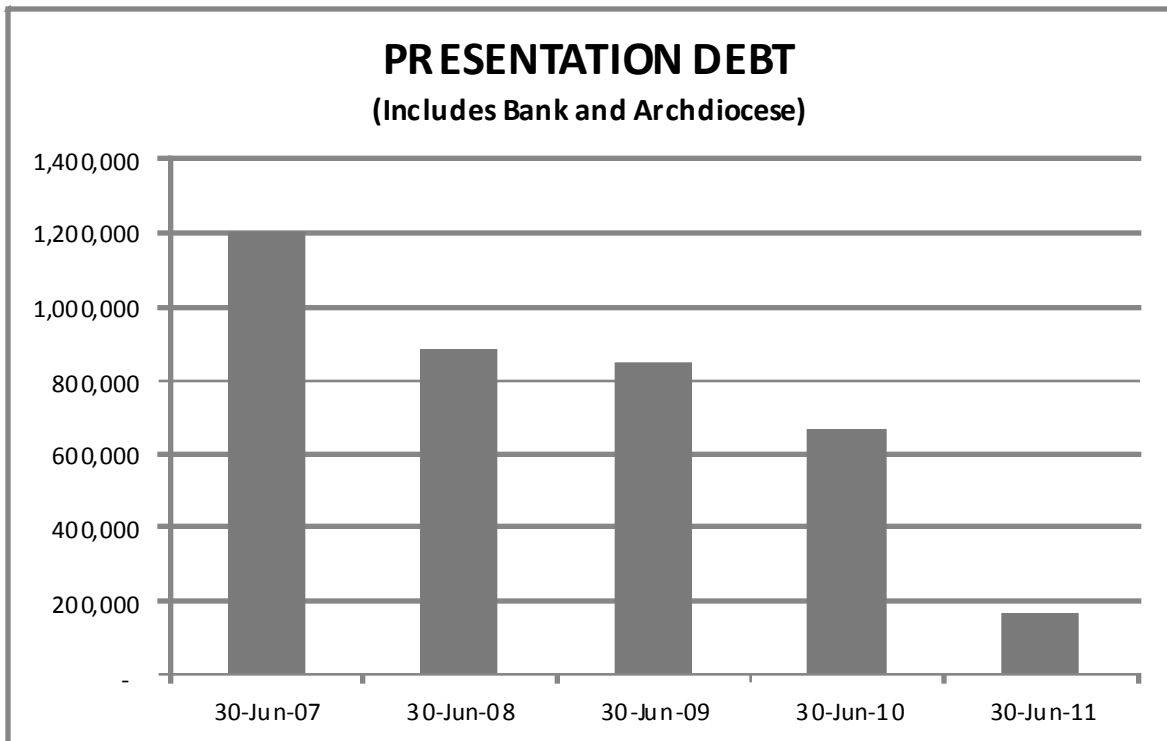
*Presentation on track to pay off debt by June 30, 2012*

The goal for the final year (beginning July 1, 2011) of the Securing Our Future capital campaign was to raise \$600,000 to completely pay back the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis for all of Presentation’s past-due invoices. After receiving just over \$406,000 in pledges, and an accounting credit from the Archdiocese in the amount of \$191,463, the parish is on track to meet that goal.

“I am very proud of what this parish has been able to accomplish in such a difficult economy,” said Fr. Mark Huberty. “The generosity here is amazing. We just need everyone to follow through with their pledges, and for those who weren’t able to pledge to give what they can...and we should be able to have that debt retirement party next June that we’ve been talking about!”

Any capital campaign receipts over-and-above the amount needed to retire the debt will be set aside for capital improvements, most important among them being future parking lot repairs.

## SECURING OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN THE HOME STRETCH *Final Phase of Debt Elimination*



## NEW BELL CONTROLLER TO BE INSTALLED

A designated gift to Presentation has made possible some much-needed improvements to the bell striker and electronic controller to improve the consistency of the sound coming from our bell tower. All of the 1960's-era equipment has long been in need of some updating.

The first improvement is to replace the existing solenoid (or "relay"), which, because of its age, has been susceptible to fail during extreme weather conditions. High humidity and cold temperatures are often times when the bell will not ring,

or ring intermittently.

The second improvement will be to replace the existing mechanical controller in the sacristy with a new solid-state electronic controller, with a variety of automated functions. The new controller will eliminate the need for sacristans to manually activate a switch for bell-ringing before Mass, and will provide automated sequences for wedding and funerals, in addition to the twice-daily Angelus. The new controller also automatically adjusts for Daylight Saving time



and has a battery back-up for power outages.

The new bell controller and other improvements were made possible by a generous gift in loving memory of Pat and Tony Greczyna, longtime parishioners of Presentation.

## PLANS BEING MADE FOR NEW LIGHTING AT KENNARD STREET ENTRANCE



Memorial gifts in honor of the late John McNulty have provided the seed to begin a new project to illuminate the sidewalk and steps outside the Kennard Street entrance of the church.

Navigating that area for evening Masses and other evening programs, especially in the winter, has become a primary concern. The details of the improvements have yet to be

decided, and the extent of the lighting will be determined by the amount of additional donations received.

If you would like to donate to this project, please direct gifts to the Parish Office designating them to the "Kennard Street Lighting Project" so that we can make these necessary improvements.

## PARISHIONER RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO AIR FORCE ACADEMY

*“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” (Luke 21:19)*

It has been a dream of parishioner Ryan Bruns to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. While a senior at Tartan High School he applied to the Academy, only to be denied. But he didn't give up on his dream. While a freshman at the University of St. Thomas, he reapplied to the Academy and was accepted. This meant that Ryan had to start all over as a freshman again, but he was more than willing to do so in order to embrace a very unique opportunity.

At a celebration of his appointment this summer, Colonel Michael Germain spoke on behalf of the Air Force: “Ryan competed with more than 12,000 other interested students for admission to the Air Force Academy, and is one of approximately 1,300



to receive an offer. He will be joining a select group of students that will train to be future leaders of your Air Force.”



Ryan Bruns

Fr. Mark Huberty, who attended the appointment ceremony, said: “A few years earlier I was encouraging Ryan to consider a vocation to the priesthood and to look at the St. John Vianney Seminary; he has all of the right qualities and a lively spiritual life. But we also need good Catholic leaders in the military, and so I know that Ryan can have a very positive impact there as a witness to Christ.”

Ryan went through basic training this summer, and has already begun his fall semester. Presentation Parish wishes Ryan, and all college students, God's blessings as they prepare themselves to serve Christ in others through their varied careers.

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personal invitation to those parishioners whom we haven't seen for a while. This outreach is important for parishioners, who, after being away for whatever reason or length of time, can come together and know that they are important to the life of our parish.

“Homecoming is a time for outreach through personal invitation. Every parishioner is encouraged to set aside that weekend, to invite at least one friend or neighbor to Mass with them, and to spend some time afterwards enjoying the company of their fellow parishioners,” says Fr. Mark Huberty.

# KERNELS OF THOUGHT FOR FALL

## STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

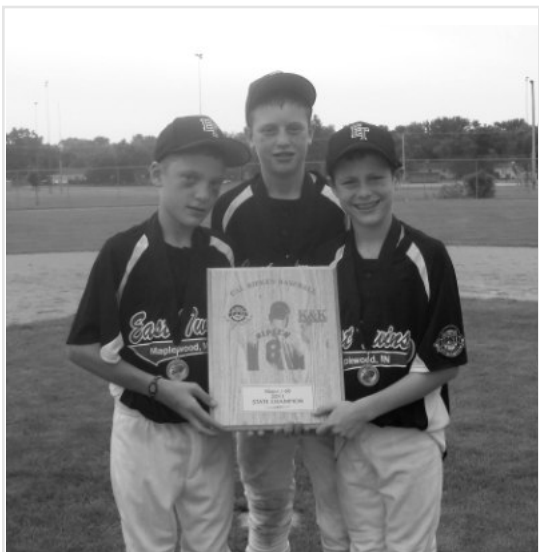
by Kay Mottaz, Director of Stewardship

The term “stewardship” is frequently misunderstood in contemporary Catholic parish life. For many people, it just sounds like another term for fund-raising. But stewardship embraces all aspects of spiritual giving, too. Without realizing it, many of our parishioners already engage in stewardship throughout the course of an ordinary day: holding a door for someone, sending a get-well card, or volunteering at a charity bake sale. Just recently I was commenting to a mother how wonderful it was that her son helped voluntarily to clean up after an event. She responded, “You know how we are at Presentation...we are all trained to put away our chairs before leaving an event,” and how true that is. However trivial, these are all examples of stewardship, for in its most basic form, stewardship is simply the act of taking care of what has been entrusted into one’s care.

*“Stewardship calls us to develop a need to give, rather than merely giving to a need.”*

On a deeper level, Catholic Stewardship is a way of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It shapes one’s whole life, and it entails a real conversion of mind and heart to a new way of understanding one’s life. Stewardship begins with the recognition that all we have is really a gift from God, not the product of our own accomplishments. And our generous God expects us to return a generous portion of His gift to us by sharing our time, talent, and treasure with others. So stewardship calls us to develop a need to give, rather than merely giving to a need! The spiritual way of living called stewardship can be identified in five steps: Recognizing that we are “called” to be stewards; Receiving the gifts of God with gratitude; Cultivating these gifts responsibly; Sharing our gifts lovingly out of justice toward others; Holding ourselves accountable before the Lord for the use of our gifts.

In his First Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul writes, “Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future so as to win the life that is true life.” God has given each one of us many gifts. If we cultivate them responsibly, and then return them to the Lord in grateful service, we are sure to grow in faith and we are sure to bring many others closer to the Lord as well. That is the beauty of discipleship lived through stewardship –it builds the Church.



## EAST TWINS WIN REGIONALS

Pictured are three Presentation boys who were part of the East Twins All Star Team that won the 12 year old Cal Ripken State Tournament in Waite Park and advanced to win the Regional Tournament in Brainerd over 6 other states and Canada.

Left to right are, Greg Dobihal, son of Charlie and Cathy Dobihal (Presentation Parishioners), Josh Steckler, son of Bruce and Anne (McCauley, Presentation class of '83) Steckler, and Jason Dick, son of Jeff and Deane (Stepaniak, Presentation class of '84) Dick, who played on the 12 year old East Twins All Star team along with other Presentation students. The team advanced to the World Series in Visalia, California this past week.



Have questions but cannot attend?  
Contact: Kay Mottaz  
(Pilgrimage Coordinator)  
at 651-842-6022 or email at:  
kmottaz@presentationofmary.org

## Information Night for HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage hosted by Fr. Mark Huberty and Fr. Michael Izen

**Tuesday, September 20th  
7:00 pm in Kenney Hall**

Anyone interested in learning more about the Holy Land Pilgrimage is welcome to attend.

The trip is 10 DAYS: OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Cost is: \$2799 PER PERSON INCLUDING AIR!

Price includes: Roundtrip air from Minneapolis, first class hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, comprehensive sightseeing and much more!

**Walk where Jesus walked...Cruise the Sea of Galilee...Visit Nazareth...Climb the Mt. of Olives & view the Old City of Jerusalem...Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre...Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.**

## GIRL SCOUTS ACHIEVE BRONZE AWARD *by Jeanne Bidwell*

The highest award attainable by a Girl Scout Junior is The Bronze Award. Girl Scout Troop 50966, comprised of thirteen Presentation parish 5<sup>th</sup> graders, planned well in advance to achieve success, knowing they only had two years to complete the prerequisites and project for this prestigious award.

Their leaders guided them to work on badges that helped them explore these interests, including animals, children and the elderly. Since then, teams of girls took turns leading troop meetings and helping fellow troop members complete badge work. Through this series of badge work, field trips, and some just-for-fun events, the girls all developed better leadership skills.

Armed with the new information and experiences, the girls were prepared to plan and complete their Bronze Award project. Based on the criteria to earn the award (takes about 15 hours to complete, including planning time,

and provide community service inside or outside Girl Scouting), they decided to work with the elderly in a variety of different ways. Three separate events were planned so that the girls could interact and brighten the day of assisted-living residents at Waverly Gardens-Presbyterian Homes & Services in North Oaks.

A tea party event was organized by two teams of girls: one to plan and carryout the food portion, and the other to create the décor and plan the attire necessary to convey the Western theme. "We had a wonderful tea party with several female residents. It was not just a tea party, but a 'Western' tea party! We wore country western attire – with cowgirl hats, bandannas, boots, jeans and jean jackets. We had sandwiches, tea, and cupcakes. After we all ate and drank, we sang a couple of funny songs. It was a great time for us! We can't wait for our next visit," said Shauna Slipka.



Two other events were held to give manicures and hand massages and to make fleece scarves. "It was fun talking with the ladies each time we visited. We did manicures and tied fleece scarves for them to keep. They thanked us for coming and really appreciated our company," said Jenna Bidwell

Congratulations to Maya Aflakpi, Emily Baude, Madison Berglof, Jenna Bidwell, Katherine Book, Kalley Dacone, Kelsey Dick, Samantha Gallagher, Lauren Massengale, Holly Rider, Grace Rohleder, Shauna Slipka and Alexandria Zamora.

## PRESENTATION'S BIGGEST FANS

by Anne (McCauley) Steckler

This past February we lost a very special woman, Elizabeth McCauley who had belonged to Presentation Parish for over 50 years. She, and my father, Phil, lived just down the street and sent all eight of us children to Presentation School (Cindy ('70), Debbie ('71), Kathy ('72), Patty ('74), Philip ('76), Scott ('78) Lisa ('82) and myself, Anne ('83), along with three of their grandchildren, Jake, Josh and Dani Steckler. She believed in the education the school provided and enjoyed just being there. She was lunch mother back when we were young, attended most field trips, and many sports activities. She helped with funeral lunches and the festival, attended daily Mass and served school lunches up until this year, just prior to her death.



Pictured left to right, Kathy, Phil, Anne, Phil & Bette, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Lisa, and Patty

Both of our parents had a strong belief in Catholic education. They felt instilling a strong Catholic belief system in their children early on in life was a necessity. Family always came first, and they encouraged us to be kind and help others out whenever possible. They constantly reminded us how lucky we were; to be thankful for all we had, and always reminded us how many were less fortunate. They were always the first to volunteer and felt strongly about making financial donations to the church.

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When Phil passed away about 6 years ago, in lieu of flowers he felt strongly about setting up a tuition fund for Hill Murray High School and now upon Bette's passing, she requested that her memorial fund be used for tuition assistance here at Presentation. The memorial fund raised almost \$4000. We were also able to help Austin Otto with his eagle project by donating money towards a baseball bench down at the Presentation baseball field. She loved to watch kids play baseball, especially her grandsons, and they think it is cool to sit on the bench dedicated by their grandparents.

Our family was so blessed to have not only one but two great parents. All eight of us are still very close because of them and thank God everyday to have each other. Both Presentation and our parents have instilled great values in us and our children. Our parents are greatly missed, but will always remain in our hearts!

# YOUNG PERSON'S VISION TO IMPROVE BALL FIELD BECOMES A REALITY THROUGH SCOUTS



Austin Otto

Boy Scouting is all about pushing your limits. Going places and doing things you have never done before. Reaching deep down inside yourself to find out just how far you can go. Doing things you never even imagined you could do. For some it is as simple as touching a fish, for others it's climbing a cliff or that first weekend camping trip away from mom.

For Austin Otto it was all that and more. Over the years he climbed the ranks by earning religious, volunteering, service, physical fitness, and leadership awards and merit badges to qualify for Eagle Scout. A rank that only 4% go on to achieve.

For his Eagle Project Austin rebuilt the baseball dugouts at Presentation's own Raymond Field this past May. "My vision for this project began when I was in 5th grade and started playing on the ball field," said Otto. It was that spring he wrote down in his Scout book a reminder of this project. The dugouts were in very tough shape and he wanted to fix them.

For his project, two 21 foot aluminum benches with backs were installed. He also organized the demolition of 27 rotted railroad ties and re-grading of the entire area. The ties were replaced with a beautiful Versa-Lok retaining wall. Austin managed everything: the planning, the demolition, raising over \$4500, ordering and arranging all the materials and organizing and feeding his team of volunteers. "I am so grateful for the generous donations from school parents and parishioners and the help of so many volunteers," he said.

Scouting teaches discipline and leadership. It strives to build confidence & independent thinking. The "Eagle" is the pinnacle of Boy Scout achievement and Austin can now proudly say, for the rest of his life... "I am an Eagle Scout."



## GARAGE SALE

OCTOBER 21-22 IN SCHOOL

Drop off days are:

Wed. October 19, 4:00- 8:00 p.m.

Thurs. October 20, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

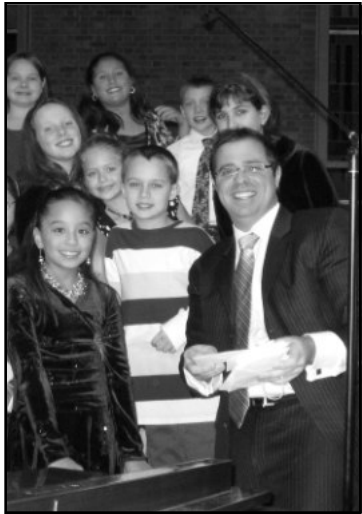
(No large exercise equipment, TV's, computers, appliances, or infant car seats)

Questions? Contact Kay Mottaz 651-842-6022

[kmottaz@presentationofmary.org](mailto:kmottaz@presentationofmary.org)

## JOIN THE CHOIR AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

**Adult Choir** - This fall we are launching a recruitment campaign. We are looking for additional members for our adult choir and we extend an invitation to you to join us. Our first rehearsal is **Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** Please come for the evening and try it out. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our group.



- Choir is open to ages 16 and older
- Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church
- Choir sings one Sunday a month including selected feast day Masses
- Choir breaks during January then resumes for the Lenten season through Easter Sunday

**Hand Bell Choir** - New members are welcome. Our first rehearsal begins **Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.**

- Hand Bell Choir is open to ages 16 and older
- Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the church
- HB Choir rings at both Sunday and selected feast day Masses as scheduled

For more information contact:  
Kay Mottaz (651) 842-6022 or email:  
kmottaz@presentationofmary.org

**Seasonal Children's Choir** - All children and youth grades 1 through 12 are invited to join the Children's Christmas Choir. The first rehearsal begins **Sunday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the church.** We are going to be rehearsing for the December 24th, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass.

## LITURGICAL DATES THROUGH NOVEMBER 2011

**September 17-18** - Homecoming Masses  
5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Hospitality after Mass under a tent outside  
in front of the church.

**November 1** - Feast of All Saints  
Tuesday, 8:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
(Holy Day of Obligation).

**November 2** - Commemoration of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls) Wednesday 8:00 a.m. daily  
Mass. (Not a Holy Day of Obligation).

**November 12 & 13** - Feast of the Presentation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Presentation  
celebrates its patronal feast day.

Join us as we give thanks!

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
Thursday, November 24  
9:00 a.m.

As is our tradition, all youth  
and young adults are invited  
to participate in the Liturgy  
as Liturgical Ministers. If you  
are interested, please contact Fr. Mark  
at the parish office at (651) 842-6013.



## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

by Sister Kathy Rademacher

A new year in Faith Formation brings with it a new theme...LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE. To do this we need to let our hearts and heads go in the right direction. Then we won't have to worry about our feet as they will follow the footprints of the Light of the World! Our Faith Formation sessions focus on HIM, his values, his lifestyle, and his relationship with God and with people. Yes, we call Him the Light of the World whose warmth and light penetrates all of life. He lived simply, loved generously, cared deeply, and spoke kindly.

Jesus feasted on the beauty of the earth and all its gifts. He calls us to let our light shine by recycling, respecting, reusing, and reducing our excessive need for those gifts given to us by our generous God. He calls us all to have GREEN faith.

Jesus feasted on relationships

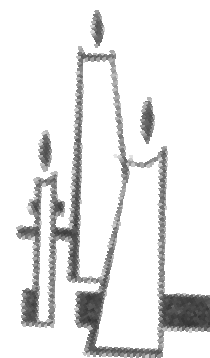
based on genuine love, compassion, and forgiveness. We learn with the children and youth WHO Jesus really is...the LIGHT which penetrates and transforms our lives so we see EACH person we meet as a child of the kingdom.

Jesus feasted on presence. He gave the bread of his presence to all he met, not noticing gender or color. He even touched the persons who were shunned by others...the ones in the shadows, the "little guys", the frail and the feeble, the ones who lived "on the other side of the tracks", the persons whose bodies held the stench and wounds of leprosy, and those who didn't wear "brand name" clothes! Jesus saw their pain, their wounds, and their wisdom, and then wrapped them in the cloak of his loving acceptance and gave them all a faith-lift! The warmth and light of his loving sacred heart left them with a

happy faith.

Yes, Jesus is the Light of the World and we will really need his help to let our own light shine...the light given to us in Baptism when we became his official disciples to love and serve and not count the cost.

*Jesus, you are the light of our lives! Set us on fire with your love and don't let us hide our light under a bushel. Break within our hearts any bubbles of power and privilege which prevent us from letting our light shine. Amen.*



## PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE

by Joan Paulson, Social Justice Committee

Everyday we pray for peace! God hears prayers for peace in every language in and in every denomination. Even the atheists are working for peace! They are just not asking God to make it happen. One of the gospels read recently at daily Mass was about the vineyard workers who got paid the same amount at the end of the

day. Those that started in the morning weren't too happy about the master's generosity toward those who got hired last. The thing was that the master was JUST. He paid them an agreed-upon wage and they were happy to have a job when they got hired in the morning! What does this have to do with our sense of justice? Have

you ever felt that you got the short end of the stick or ripped off? Do you look around and think what is this world coming to? This is not the way God intended it to be. Have you ever felt like the Hebrews in the desert thinking "I

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think we were better off with Pharaoh than this mess we are currently in!"

Last year the Social Justice Committee met with the Diocesan Sower of Justice Committees in various parishes because we were concerned about unjust situations that people seemed powerless to change. We discussed how we could get people interested in working for JUSTICE. We hosted several events at



Presentation last year. In the fall we had a parish meeting called 10,000 VOICES FOR ONE MINNESOTA. On December 5th we were represented by 5 delegates at a summit of 1,500 faith and community leaders to launch a statewide partnership aimed at eliminating the state's racial and economic inequities. This event was entitled SHINING THE LIGHT. In March, 35 people found out how we could participate in BUILDING

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. Finally on July 5th, we were represented at PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT at the Civic Center downtown.

*This fall a team of approximately 12 people (Presentation Justice Committee) will be meeting on the second Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. through May to plan and host events (3) during the coming year!*

Watch the bulletins in the SOCIAL CONCERNS column to keep informed on how you can make a difference in bringing about the peace that JESUS talked about and for which we pray.

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM BLESSED WITH GENEROUS SERVANTS

*by Sara Bertini, Confirmation Coordinator*

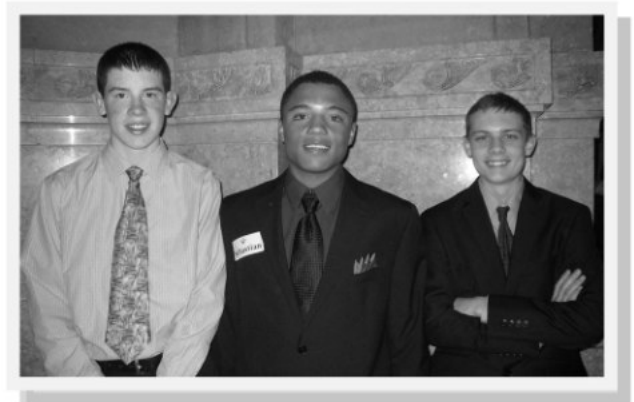
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary prepared and sent 37 young people to the Cathedral of St. Paul to be confirmed on April 26, 2011.

These candidates prayed, celebrated Mass, and studied together. They experienced the Corporal Works of Mercy and engaged in service for our parish and community. In recognition of the holy sacrament they would receive, we gathered in Kenney Hall for a celebration a few weeks before the ceremony. Judy Gearin, her daughter Meghan, and Meghan's friend helped to set up for the celebration. After the Confirmation candidates were recognized at the 10:30 Mass, Deb Hellquist, Blake Hellquist and Jenny Lynch helped serve refreshments and then clean up.

The big decision came for me at the end of the celebration. Peter Book, a Confirmation candidate, asked if I wanted help cleaning up. Do I say "no" and turn down someone who freely offered assistance at a party that was for him? Or do I say "yes" because help is always welcomed? I chose "yes". Yes to Peter's selfless offer on a beautiful day to stay after and put away

tables and chairs. And then when we were all finished, I asked Peter how he was getting home. He replied that he would walk home. But I offered a ride and he accepted. It was a ride filled with conversation. Imagine a teenager wanting to talk to an adult...too cool!

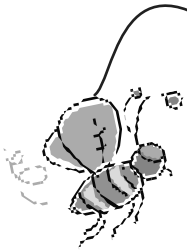
Thank you Peter for your generosity and your willingness to live out your faith. May God bless you, and all our youth, in all that they do.



Austin Otto, Nick Quist and Peter Book at the Cathedral of St. Paul this past April

# PCLC SUMMER

Children from all over the metro area enrolled in PCLC'S summer program. Students had the opportunity to participate in over 20 field trips; social service activities such as food drives; arts-n-crafts projects and have some good 'ol summer fun! Here are some of the highlights:



**"Question: What was your favorite activity at PCLC this summer?"**  
Ethan H. "Battle Creek"

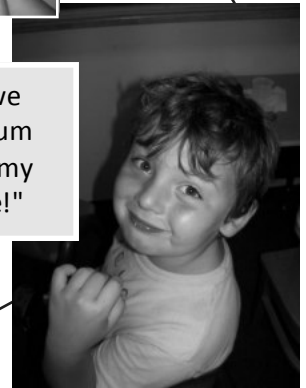


Eva D. "I loved going to Sky Zone. The trampolines were so fun."

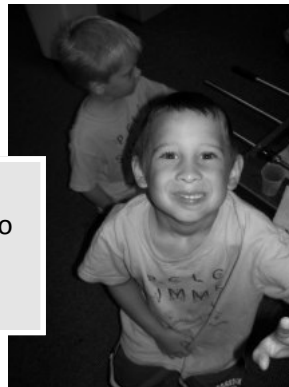


Ana R. "Gibbs Farm was so fun. I loved making candles."

Ryan K. "I loved it when we went to the History Museum and we got to go in the army airplane. It was awesome!"



Henry R. "I have never been to a tornado exhibit before. We went to the one at the History Museum. It was really cool."



Lyn Haselmann

## Find Out More About Our Programs!

Presentation Childhood Learning Center has begun enrollment for all Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Child Care Programs. These programs represent the best in early childhood education. To find out more about PCLC and the exceptional programs they offer, please call 651-770-3093 or visit our website, [www.presentationofmary.org](http://www.presentationofmary.org), and select the "Childhood Learning Center" tab.



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## WELCOME FROM NEW PRINCIPAL



Michael Rogers

Dear Presentation  
of Mary Families,

As one of the  
newest members of  
the Presentation of  
Mary community,  
I am excited to  
announce a

number of activities at the school this fall. These events serve a dual purpose of both building our community and supporting the programs offered by our school.

All parishioners, school families, alumni and friends are welcome to participate in the activities listed in this newsletter. Please spread the word about these exciting events to those who may be interested and encourage them to attend.

Like you, I look forward to participating in these events and meeting many of you at the same time. After all, it is because of you and your commitment to Catholic education at Presentation of Mary School that we have much to celebrate and much to look forward to this year.

Thank you for your continued support and please keep all of us at the school in your prayers as we look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

*Michael Rogers*

## SCHOOL'S FALL EVENTS

*Save the dates for these important activities*

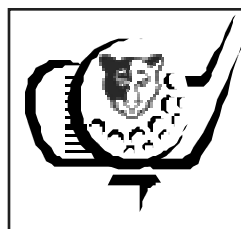


### Presentation School Marathon Saturday, October 8th, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Marathon Hoedown." Grab your hats and join in our western-themed event. As you probably know, our tuition does not cover the entire cost of educating our kids, and the marathon proceeds help fund some of what tuition does not cover. 100% of the funds raised at this marathon go directly back to Presentation. Last year we raised nearly \$25,000. This year's goal is \$150 per student.

Starting at 9:00 a.m., our marathon walkers will be taking a walking route from our gymnasium entrance towards the north side of Wakefield Lake and back to the school gymnasium. Afterward, we will be having a huge party at the gymnasium until 12:30 p.m. with food and refreshments, western-themed activities and games, as well as a prize booth for our marathoners. All family and friends of Presentation School are invited to come.

**Want to get involved?** We are looking for people who have access to horses and/or a farm that we could use to create an event to use as a prize for students. Other prizes in the past have included sporting event tickets, electronics and passes to local entertainment. If you can offer these or have other prizes to donate or would like to help with this event contact Tim McKane at 651-503-2711 or Email: [tim@graphicoptions.org](mailto:tim@graphicoptions.org).



### Panther Classic Golf Tournament Sunday, October 9th, begins at noon

Join us for our fourth annual Panther Classic Golf Tournament. All parishioners, school parents, adult alumni, friends and family—regardless of the golfing ability—are invited to participate. Contact Jim Miettunen at (651) 303-4554 or Rick Bidwell at (651) 260-7032 for more details. Cost is \$80 per golfer, paid registration due by October 3rd.

Included is a picnic lunch with beverages at noon at Keller Lake Golfview Picnic Area, Keller Golf Course (Hwy. 61 and County Road B). Tournament at 2:00 p.m., awards at 4:30 p.m., nine-hole golf tournament (best ball scramble), riding golf cart, goodie gift bag, door prize drawings.

Featured Events: Chipping contest, putting contest, skins contest, "In the Principal's Office" contest, hole-in-one contest, "Diamond in the Rough, \$100 Alumni hole". This year's proceeds will be dedicated to tuition assistance.

# Sailing into the Future



The 4th Annual Panther Pride Auction is just around the corner. *Sail into the Future* on November 12, 2011 at the Prom Center!

**Last year's event was a huge success, raising \$100,000 for our school and learning center!** See old friends, participate in games and raffles, eat great food and experience the excitement of our Live Auction. Our silent auction offers multiple items to bid on from household services to theatre and sports tickets.

**The Auction Committee is working hard acquiring donations and advertisers. We could really use your help!** Do you have connections to a big auction item? Or would you or your place of business donate a gift card? Or could you help with a financial donation or sponsorship? Any donation would be greatly appreciated! Donations can be mailed to the attention of Panther Auction, brought to the church or parish office or picked up by one of our auction volunteers. All donation and advertising forms are available at the parish office, church entrances and on our Web site: [www.presentationofmary.org/auction](http://www.presentationofmary.org/auction).



Check out our Web site to view our list of live and silent auction items, which is updated as donations come in. Any questions, or to be added to our auction mailing list, call our auction office at 651-842-6021 or email: [pantherbenefit@presentationmary.org](mailto:pantherbenefit@presentationmary.org). Thank you for your support and we hope to see you November 12th!

## Advertising Opportunities

Do you have a business that you would like to promote? We had over 400 people attend last year! All ads will be featured in our auction program and included on the live auction Power Point presentation on the night of our event. To place an ad or for more information contact our auction office at 651-842-6021.

- Full Page Ad 10" x 7.5" - \$200.00
- Half Page Ad 4.75" x 7.5" - \$125.00
- 1/4 Page Ad 4.75" x 3.5" - \$75.00
- Business Card Ad 2.25" x 3.5" - \$50.00

## Sponsorship Levels

### GOLD Level - \$2,000

- Podium recognition on the day of the event
- Recognition in signage, newsletters and promo materials
- Signage at the event
- Table for marketing collateral on the day of event
- Included in church bulletin
- Recognition on auction website, program and newsletter
- Full page coverage in auction program
- Featured ad in live auction power point presentation
- Eight admission tickets to event

### BLUE Level - \$1,000

- Podium recognition on the day of the event
- Recognition in signage, newsletters and promo materials
- Recognition on auction website and program
- ½ page coverage in auction program
- Featured ad in live auction power point presentation
- Four admission tickets to event

### PANTHER Level - \$500

- Recognition in signage, newsletters and promo materials
- Recognition on auction website and program
- ¼ page coverage in auction program
- Featured ad in live auction power point presentation
- Two admission tickets to event



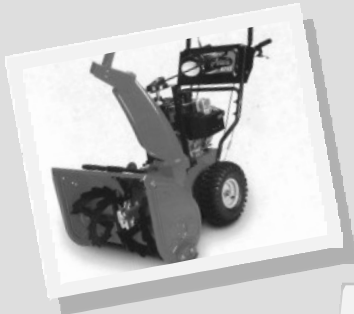
*Save the Date - November 12th!*

## Raffles

Ticket sales for raffles begin on October 8th after all weekend Masses. Need not be present to win.

### Cruise

\$1500 certificate to create your own cruise package!



### Snow Blower

Ariens®  
Compact 24 with  
205cc Engine

### Wine

3 Chances to Win!  
One 50-Bottle Winner  
Two 25-Bottle Winners

To donate wine, contact  
the school office



### Apple iPod Touch

### Apple iPad2



## Auction Sneak Peek...

Check out some of our auction items.

- Las Vegas Luxury Home: Enjoy a 4 day stay in a luxurious 2200 sq. ft. three bedroom home just eight miles from the Las Vegas strip.
- Give a gift of jewelry or get yourself something special with a \$250 gift certificate courtesy of R.F. Jewelers.
- Fiesta Italiana!: Fr. Mark will host a gourmet Italian dinner for 10 guests with culinary delights representing different regions of Italy served with a variety of wines imported from Italy.
- Flight to Mackinac Island: Fr. Mark will fly up to 5 guests to visit one of the country's most extraordinary places, an island which no cars are allowed, only horses and bicycles. Go for a long day, or choose to stay overnight.
- Get Fit: Do you want to get fit? These six 1-month passes to LA Fitness will get you started.

For an updated list, go to:

[www.presentationofmary.org/auction](http://www.presentationofmary.org/auction)

## I Won the iPad!

*by Shauna Reilly, school parent*

As a first time attendee of the Panther Pride Auction, I was thrilled to be the winner of the Apple iPad raffle. Such a great prize could have easily been the highlight of the evening, but there were bigger things in store.



I was absolutely astonished to witness the amazing generosity and support for our children and our school. It was such a great feeling to be surrounded by so many people who truly love Presentation. What a fabulous evening! I can't wait for this year's auction.

## 2010 Snow Blower Raffle Winners

*by Gary Underwood (husband of 1st grade teacher Sue)*

Sue and I have been thanking the Lord ever since she won the raffle for the Ariens Snow blower at the Presentation School Auction last November. We had never owned a snow blower before. Then we got hit with one of our heaviest snowfalls this winter, including 3 blizzards. My hurting knees were saved! The Ariens snow blower started up every time and did a wonderful job blowing the snow away. I was even able to assist my neighbors with the ends of their driveways. It truly has been a blessing to us, making this winter more bearable and allowing us to help our neighbors.

Thanks to the auction, the donation of the Ariens snow blower by North Heights Hardware Hank, for Sue taking her 3 chances, and God's gift, we were able to survive the winter of 2010-2011!





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55 Club Lunch - Tuesday  
September 20th  
12:00 noon  
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Speaker: Debbie Hoffmann,  
Minnesota State Lottery.  
Call parish office  
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**Homecoming  
2011**

*Join us for a Spiritual Tailgate Party!*

## **Presentation Parish Homecoming Weekend September 17/18**

Invite your family and friends to come  
be a part of this special weekend!

Specially themed Masses - Food and  
Hospitality - Parish Activities displayed -  
Children's play area

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday  
8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. on Sunday

Hospitality will be held in tents on the  
parish front lawn after all Masses

Complimentary Food and  
Refreshments Provided:

- \* Breakfast following 8:30 a.m. Mass
  - \* Pulled Pork Sandwiches following  
5:00 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses
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