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Why the name - Parish Pipeline?

Since this is the inaugural issue of Parish Pipeline, we'd like to take this opportunity share the background, purpose, and plans for future issues.

In years past, ministry and committee leads were part of the parish council where monthly reports were exchanged, compiled, and re-distributed to members of the parish council. This direct exchange of

information was lost when we transitioned to a pastoral council model, and it was a noticeable loss.

We hope that the quarterly parish newsletters will not only fill this void, but expand the exchange of information since *everyone* will have access to the reports.

The secondary definitions of "pipeline" are (2) a route, channel, or process

along which something passes or is provided at a steady rate; means, system, or flow of supply or supplies or channel of information, especially one that is direct, privileged, or confidential; inside source; reliable contact. With this in mind, the name Parish Pipeline, as suggested by

Bill Vullo, is apropos.

While these newsletters will have

significant ministryrelated content, they will also contain features such as book reviews and parish news.

We are still developing the format and content and welcome your contributions and comments.

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Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ February 3 Feast of Saint Blaise-Blessing of throats at 9 a.m. Mass
- February 15 & 16-Blessing of married couples at all masses
- ◆ March 5 Ash Wednesday
- ♦ March 20 Spring
- ♦ March 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- ♦ April 20 Easter Sunday



God my creator, You made me all that I am and gave me all that I have. Help me show my gratitude by using these gifts to serve others in your name.

Jesus my Redeemer, you taught me the way to eternal life by your example of loving service to others, Grant me the courage to respond to your call to Discipleship by following in your footsteps.

Holy Spirit of God, be with me as I choose each day to put you first in my life. Let me be a model of Christian Stewardship so others will come to know you through my actions.

I pray, dear Lord, that you open the minds and hearts of all the men, women and young people of our parishes, that we may joyfully accept your challenge to be good stewards.

Amen

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Liturgical Ministries



Liturgy Committee

This Committee helps to plan, implement and support the liturgies and penance services here at Immaculate Conception. It is made up of several ministry leads, including music, lectors, greeters, ushers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and decorations, as well as interested parishioners.

Over the past six months, all ministry leads have continued to recruit and train present and future members. They have planned for the blessing of college students in August, the Blessing of Animals in October, the blessing of new families and lectors in November, Christ the King masses and the novena for the Immaculate Conception. The ministry has also planned masses for Advent, Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family, New Years, and Feast of the Epiphany.

In the next six months the ministry will be planning and implementing masses for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday. It will also be planning for special blessings of engaged couples, blessing of throats, married couples, and new families.

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Altar Servers

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the presiding priest in the celebration of the Eucharist. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy.

In the last six months, new servers have been trained and installed, larger senior service albs and cinctures to match priest vestments have been purchased, and servers have assumed an increased role to include proper placement of chalices and patens on the altar.

In the next six months, this ministry, transitioning from senior servers to non-seniors, will be training and installing the largest number of new servers in several years.

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Lectors

The lector, in proclaiming the Scriptures during Mass, uses voice, presence, and personality so that the Word of God may be heard.

Lectors are scheduled on a quarterly basis for regular weekend mass times. Special masses or Holy Days of Obligation masses are scheduled via email as the need arises.

In the next six months, in addition to the regularly scheduled masses, lectors will be serving at the Easter services. This ministry will be hosting hospitality weekend in the spring.

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Funeral Resurrection Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

This ministry is very active every week, assisting the priest and the deacon with the distribution of Communion. Training sessions, held several times a year, bring in new ministers as well as refresh the training for all ministers. The ministry hosted a hospitality weekend in November.

In the next six months, there is training planned for anyone interested in becoming a EME. This ministry is constantly trying to achieve the most efficient distribution of Communion in a timely yet reverent manner.

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Music Ministry

Currently the music program is comprised of the 11 a.m. choir, various instrumentalists, and the children of our Faith Formation program, who sing twice a year at both the Alleluia and Advent Masses. In addition, a children's chorus, which will sing at Mass once every 4-6 weeks, is being formed.

This year, we welcomed the community into our parish for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Directed by Derek Stannard, the program was accompanied by organist Brian Gurley, Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Attended by about 475 people, it raised money for both the music program and Northeast Parent and Child Society.

Derek is developing a Lenten program with K. Bryan Kirk, of the First Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls. The joined choir of the two

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013, 53 funerals were held at Immaculate Conception.

Ministers, and escorts.

The ministry also assisted in the preparation of the All Souls' Mass November 2.

This ministry assists the priest during the celebration of Christian Burial, providing readers, greeters, Eucharistic

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churches, called "Schola Amici," meaning sacred musicians and friends, will give a concert on Palm Sunday weekend in both churches. With string quintet, organ and piano, it will include Schubert's Mass in G, All Things Bright and Beautiful, by Rutter, Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart, and many other selections.

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THE NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE CHURCH YEAR THAT THE RIBBONS ON THE MOBILE IN THE GATHERING SPACE ARE CHANGED:

ADVENT—PURPLE & DARK BLUE

CHRISTMAS— SILVER & GOLD

Ordinary Time— Greens and blues

LENT—PURPLE & DARK BLUE WITH THE CROWN OF THORNS

EASTER-2 SHADES OF YELLOW

PENTECOST—REDS & DARK ORANGE

THANKS TO RACHEL WINTERS & JOAN & TOM KUDLACIK FOR THEIR WORK ON THE MOBILE.

Test Your Old Testament I. Q.

The answers for this true\false quiz are based on the *New American Bible*.

- 1.There are 39 books in the Old Testament.
- 2. Esther is the queen of Persia who saved the Jews from a plot to destroy them.
- 3. The story of Samson and Delilah is found in I Kings.
- 4. The first three kings of Israel in order were Saul, David, and Solomon.

- 5. The Book of Proverbs advises it readers to seek popularity.
- 6.The Song of Songs includes a dialogue between a bride and a groom.
- 7. The phrase "seeing the hand-writing on the wall" comes from the Book of Daniel.
- 8. Nehemiah is the shortest book of the Old Testament.
- 9. The Lord brought 14 plagues upon the Egyptians so they would let the Israelites leave.

10. Another name for the Pentateuch is Torah.

Answers on page 10.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, http://www.usccb.org/bible



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THE NUMBER

OF

VOLUNTEERS

IN OUR FAITH

FORMATION

PROGRAM

Faith Formation Ministries

Adult Faith Enrichment Team

The goal of this ministry is to help enrich the faith of the adult learner. The team was formed in mid-October.

Working with St Edward's in Clifton Park, the ministry has hosted a sixpresentation by Fr. Pat Butler on "The Gospel of St Matthew." The Adult Faith Enrichment Team also hosted two showings of the film "I Would Be Called John," a one-man play on the pontificate of soon-to-be-

canonized Pope John XXIII; these showings were hosted by Deacon Mike and Fran Rossi-Szpylczyn.

In January, the ministry hosted a presentation on soon-to-be-canonized Pope John Paul II. The presentation will be done by Sean Caron. The team is also process of planning a Lenten program.

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Faith Formation

children are prepared for the sacraments of First every other Sunday, and a Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The program strives to promote knowledge of our faith, the liturgy, and the sacraments, to impart the moral formation of Jesus Christ, and to provide every opportunity to guide the

children in prayer. Classes for Grades K through 6 are held Sunday through Wednesday,

Through this program, our Rainbow classes for children with learning disabilities meet Sacrament class for children grade 4 and older who have yet to receive the sacraments meets on Sunday.

> In the last several months, the ministry has registered families, followed up on records of Baptism and the sacraments and health issues, recruited and trained catechists participated in Virtus Training,

curriculum for the year. Every workshop and child in the Faith Formation Father/Daughter Program attended a Safe Environment training. Other activities included tulip bulb class, children's Advent liturgy, and the Christmas Eve children's mass.

In the coming months, the ministry will be planning a 5th grade bake sale, monthly children's masses, First

and planned and scheduled the Reconciliation parent meeting, Valentine Dance, First Eucharist catechist meetings, Lenten school project, night of planting by the First Eucharist reflection for FF catechists, mass, an First Eucharist project, Advent meeting, workshop, celebration, Alleluia Mass, May Crowning, and spring enrichment.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Through this Lectionary-based Catechesis, children hear the Gospel for the week in language they can understand. Introducing the Gospel to the children with stories, music and prayer. it prepares the children to fully participate in the mass once they have received the sacrament of the Eucharist.

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Youth Ministry

This ministry is a catechesis, social and service ministry with and for teens in Grades 7 - 12. It offers over 25 mini-course options in a very unique model of catechesis designed to be flexible and meet the needs of teens and families' busy schedules while continuing to provide solid, age-appropriate faith formation.

In the last six months, the ministry has sent a 9-person delegation to represent our parish at the bi-annual National Catholic Youth Conference, had 6 teens recognized for service and leadership by the Saratoga County Deanery Association in the "Filled with the Holy Spirit Youth Recognition Award," and worked collaboratively with a variety of Parish Ministries giving teens the opportunity to volunteer side by side with the Picnic Committee, St. Vincent de Paul Society,

Bethlehem Tree, Rosary Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, and Parish Facilities.

In the next six months, the ministry will be hosting hospitality in January, organizing several youth service and social opportunities, and facilitating the parish Easter Egg Hunt and festivities for children. Finally, the ministry will be preparing our teens to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, including sessions, candidate-sponsor gatherings, prayer and ritual experiences and a retreat leading up to Confirmation in the spring.

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Tim Zukas' Prize-Winning Meatballs (Tim made 200 of these delicious meatballs for the parish picnic and won second prize!)

Ingredients 24 saltine crackers, made into crumbs (~3/4 cup) 1 tbsp. salt 1/4 tsp. pepper 1/2 medium onion, finely minced 3 lbs. ground beef (Tim used

ground round.)

2 large eggs

1	cup	milk

1 envelope McCormick® Onion Gravy Mix

2-3 envelopes McCormick® Low Sodium Brown Gravy Mix

 $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ cups **cold** water, *divided*

½ cup flour

Directions

Whisk 1st 3 ingredients together.

Place in **large** mixing bowl with next 4 ingredients and blend with hands until mixed.

Shape into meatballs of desired size.

Brown meatballs in frying pan or bake in 400° oven until browned.

Make the gravy with 3 or 4 cups of the water, as desired. Place meatballs in pan or slow cooker with the gravy and heat until meatballs are completely done.

When the meatballs are done, thicken the gravy.

Shake the flour and remaining ½ cup **cold** water together, and add gradually to the meatballs & gravy to thicken.

Christian and Pastoral Ministries

Reflections—

For each issue, we will be inviting a participant in one of our ministries to offer personal reflections. Rachel Winters, Pastoral Care Coordinator, has written our first entry.



I have had the pleasure of being the Pastoral Care Coordinator here at Immaculate Conception for the past six years. In this position, I oversee the volunteers who minister to our

parishioners who are homebound due to illness or age, and those in assisted living facilities, in nursing homes, or in the hospital. Volunteers who are actively involved in the Pastoral Care Ministry have a wide variety of ways to care for those parishioners and others who need special, loving service. Pastoral volunteers provide Holy Communion, make friendly visits, drive people to appointments, run errands, make meals, or simply provide a listening ear. They are people who have a genuine caring way about them, always willing to give of themselves, without looking for anything in return.

On Monday, October 21st, we held a special Anointing Mass here at Immaculate Conception. This healing sacrament was for all those experiencing illness or any health problem in mind, body, or spirit, young or not so young. We had a record crowd with over 125 people receiving this special sacrament, including residents from Baptist Health Care Center and Glendale Home. Following the mass, there was a luncheon in the parish hall provided by our Parish Nurse/Health Ministry. Along with the nurses, there were many volunteers from Pastoral Care who help to make this day so special to all those who attended.

We hold these Anointing Masses twice a year, in May and October. This celebration continues to grow into a wonderful opportunity for those parishioners and visitors to our community, many of whom are no longer able to attend mass on a regular basis, to come home... home to where they have friends and people who love them. Not many parishes are able to say that, but we here at Immaculate Conception are home...home for so many people, and we all should feel good about knowing that we make a

difference in the lives of those we encounter. There were so many wonderful compliments being expressed throughout the day, but one sticks in my mind, and that is, "This was a wonderful day...they should have it every month!"

During the early fall, I offered four presentations on the topic "Starting the Conversations: Critical Decisions in Health Care & End of Life Issues." The focus of these seminars, open to the parish community and the public, was on making "pre-planned" decisions for "end of life" issues.

During the fall season, I send Halloween and Thanksgiving greeting cards to our homenursing home parishioners. Also bound and for Thanksgiving I, along with the help of my parents, Tom & Joan Kudlacik, prepare 14 of dinners for some our homebound parishioners. Together with my husband, Frank, sons Luke & Colin, and a fellow parishioner and family friend, Anthony DeAngelis, we deliver these Thanksgiving meals. It has become a tradition in our family for the past 5 years to make the meals and take time to visit and deliver them. Our sons look forward to seeing our parishioners just as much as they enjoy seeing the boys.

At Christmas, **Pastoral** the Care volunteers delivered poinsettias, Christmas calendars, but, cards, and parish more importantly, gave of themselves our homebound parishioners during this wonderful time of the year.

As you can see, there are many wonderful things happening in the Pastoral Care Ministry. If you would like more information on how you can become involved in this very rewarding ministry, please call me at the rectory at 399-9168 ext.226.

Peace, Rachel Winters

Afterglow of the Eucharist & Prayer Chain

Prayer is the focus of both ministries. In Afterglow, a team of prayer ministers lay hands on the person who is requesting prayer after asking them, "What do you want Jesus to do for you today?" Ministers then pray for that need. The ministry takes place after the 11 a.m. mass on Sundays. Prayer ministers will pray for others on their own when they hear of the needs and pain of parishioners.

The ministers in the prayer chain rely on others to call or email their prayer requests to Diane Bigos or the rectory. Through email, Diane notifies prayer warriors who then pray daily for that person.

On the 1st Monday of the month, the ministers gather in prayer from 4-5 in the church to pray for both ministries, our church family and any intentions others bring forth. All are welcome to join in this prayer.

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Bakers' Dozen

The Baking ministry was formed to provided baked goods for the Hospitality Weekends, specifically the Saturday evening mass. We also provide baked goods for the parish picnic. We are available to supply a supporting role in regards to baking for other parish events. We can always use more bakers!

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Ellis Hospital Ministry

On the first Sunday of each month, six Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist go to Ellis Hospital and Sunnyview to give Communion to Catholic patients. There are presently few active members in this ministry, so new members are being recruited.

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Baptist Health Center Ministry

Members of this ministry visit Baptist three Wednesdays a month to give Holy Communion to the residents.

This ministry will continue its service to the residents as their needs are determined by the chaplain.

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Rosary Altar Society

The Society is a spiritual and social organization for women, formed for the promotion, praise, and honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Society activities over the past six months include an ice cream social, Communion breakfast, tag sale, and Birthright shower. Altar care, dinners and guest speakers occur on a continuing basis.

A contribution to the Battered Woman's Shelter as well as donations to local service agencies are planned for the future.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The group meets in the church every other Monday, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., to pray two rosaries with appropriate scriptural readings.

Over the last six months, the group has met twelve times praying about twenty-four rosaries for world peace and the sick of the parish. On October 8, members participated in a "Living Rosary," a candlelight service with an individual representing each bead of the rosary. A homily by Fr. Jerry and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the ceremony.

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Christian and Pastoral Ministries—cont.

Eucharistic Adoration



This ministry of prayer and worship holds Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. following the 9 o'clock Mass.

In preparation for the Exposition, members of the ministry set up devotional materials in the gathering space, prepare the sign -in notebook for adorers, and display the picture of the Diving Mercy image. The Rosary is begun after Father has incensed the monstrance.

It is essential to have all hours filled. Although adorers are encouraged to come for one-hour shifts, everyone is encouraged to come for as little or as long as they can. Parishioners as well as non-parishioners are welcome to participate in the Adoration.

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Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary

The members of the Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary are a sisterly group, open to any woman over the age of 18, whose main goal is to support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus Council 10013. Scripture study and a social hour are part of monthly meetings, held at the same time as the Knights' Council.

Over the past six months, the Auxiliary helped the Knights with the pancake breakfasts in June and October and set up for the Knights of Columbus Council 10013 Installation Dinner. For the November chili or chowder dinner the group prepared and served the food, greeted guests, set up and cleaned up. In December the Auxiliary sang Christmas carols at the Glendale Home.

In the next six months, the group will provide desserts for the Lenten fish dinners, as well as help collect money, greet guests, cook, serve and cleanup and will coordinate and provide the food for the Knights' annual family picnic in June.

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Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest fraternal order in the Catholic Church dedicated to the Colombian ideals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Knights serve fellow Knights, their families, their parishes, the Catholic Church, and their communities. Members of Council 10013 make an effort to attend First Friday masses and conduct ad hoc memorial services for passing Knights.

During the last six months, Knights participated in the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and sponsored a Buffalo Bills football trip and tailgate dinner. Fundraisers included a chili and chowder dinner and a collaboration with Marcella's Restaurant by which the Knights received a portion of the cost of dinners purchased in support of its scholarship. The Knights participated in the wreath laying at the Glenville Veterans Day Memorial at Freemans Bridge Road, worked with the St. Vincent DePaul Society in the "12 Cans for Christmas" program, and sponsored its annual trip to Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Over seventy Knights, Boy Scouts, and community members caroled at Glendale Home.

The Knights will be holding its annual fish fry dinners during Fridays of Lent. Last year, an average of over 200 meals were sold each week. The group will sponsor "40 cans for Lent" program in concert with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, will light and manage the Vigil Fire throughout Holy Saturday, will participate in the May crowning and Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, and will end the year with a family picnic on the church grounds when it will award the \$2000 Fritz Newman scholarship.

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From Despair to Hope—a Mother's Journey

Reviewed by Kim Klementowski & Fr. Jerry

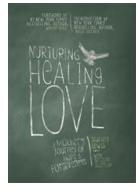
Nurturing Healing Love, by Scarlett Lewis (Hay House, 2013).

Kim:

The morning of December 14, 2012, started like any other morning. Scarlett Lewis's ex-husband Neil would drop their son, Jesse, off at school, and then Scarlett and Neil would meet in Jesse's classroom later that morning to build gingerbread houses. Unbeknownst to Scarlett, Jesse was in an uncharacteristically somber mood as his dad Neil dropped him off at school that morning. Neil sensed that Jesse was thinking that only one of his parents would show up for the gingerbread house building and not both as he wanted, so he told Jesse, "Don't worry, Jess. Mom and I will be there." Neil was surprised when Jesse responded, "No, it's not going to happen." Then as Neil walked Jesse through the front doors of the school and into the main hallway, Jesse told him, "Dad, I just want you to know that it's going to be okay, and that I love you and Mom," and he turned and walked into his 1st grade classroom. An hour later, Scarlett's phone rang at work, alerting her to a shooting at Jesse's school, Sandy Hook Elementary. Jesse never made it home that day, but in the grieffilled days that followed, Scarlett took to heart the last words Jesse wrote on the kitchen chalkboard "Norurting Helin Love" which would become the title of her book Nurturing Healing Love.

Nurturing Healing Love is not a book about grieving. It's a book about hope and signs and learning to move on from extreme tragedy. It's a book about spirituality and using the grieving process to affect change. It's about helping people and reaching outside your comfort zone to go further than you ever thought you could. Scarlett Lewis and her remaining son J.T. use their grief to affect change in two totally different ways. Scarlett started the "Jesse Lewis Choose Love" Foundation, and J.T. raises money to send Rwandan students to college.

This book is good for men and women, teens and adults. Scarlett Lewis brings you right into the events of her life. It's like you are there going through everything with her. You will laugh, you will cry and you will feel good.



Fr. Jerry:

People have asked me if I thought it was true that Scarlett Lewis really experienced the unusual and rather mysterious things she writes about in her book *Nurturing Healing Love*. My answer is simple. "Why not?" If she says she experienced such things as a message on the kitchen wall board, or the unexplained presence of little plastic Army men on her pillow, then she did. These experiences brought her comfort and great solace. Who am I to say that the experiences are not true?

Over the years, I have heard such stories of people hearing and seeing their departed loved ones, of finding notes or unexplained happenings directly related to their deceased loved one. I remember a woman telling me that she awoke one night when she felt someone pull at her toe! She said it was her husband. She was not afraid or even startled! Her husband had been deceased for several months. He spoke to her and calmly reminded her to check the water level in her basement furnace. She did. The water level was dangerously low. When her husband was alive, he often reminded her to "Check the furnace." encounter with her husband was peaceful, and seeing and hearing him brought her such comfort-never mind saving her furnace! Some would argue it was a dream or her imagination...does St. Joseph come to mind? I would prefer to think it was a gift...a spiritual experience.

One time, visiting a dying patient in Hospice, the person asked if I could see the angels around her, which she obviously was seeing. Another time an unresponsive patient suddenly opened his eyes, looked up, smiled and then died. Again, imagination? Hallucination? Drug induced? I say, gift from God. If Jesus could be strengthened by the presence of an angel as he was about to be arrested and executed (Lk 22:43), why wouldn't God allow unexplainable things to happen to God's children in this day and age?

Scarlett Lewis' visions and experiences may not be able to be scientifically authenticated, but that doesn't matter. She saw and experienced something that gave her comfort, peace and most of all hope. What a blessing! The book is worth the read.

Community Life Ministries

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"LET US LEAVE A
SPARE PLACE AT
OUR TABLE: A PLACE
FOR THOSE WHO
LACK THE BASICS,
WHO ARE ALONE."

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Friends of Musoma

This hand-to-hand charitable organization provides assistance to the needy of the Musoma Diocese of Tanzania.

The Society has sponsored the tuitions of 28 students who currently or previously resided in the Musoma Diocese. It has funded and monitored the installation of a solar powered emergency backup lighting system

in the birthing room of the Baraki Health Center. It has also made its annual donation to seven other charitable organizations serving children or meeting the health needs of people in the Musoma Diocese.

Besides continuing tuition sponsorship and donations to other charities, the Society plans to purchase and distribute 200 solar powered reading lights which will enable students to study at night.

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Graces

This ministry collects gently used and new religious items and redistributes them to help others on their faith journey.

The biggest time of the year for Graces is Lent when it is set up for the Wednesday soup lunches and fish fry dinners on Fridays.

The ministry has set up for Knights of Columbus events and would be willing to set up at events of other ministries.

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Pre-Cana

This ministry prepares engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. This Diocesan program under the Office of Evangelization and Family Life is planned in June, and registration of couples is handled by the Diocese.

In 2013, seven Pre-Cana programs were conducted at I m m a c u l a t e Conception with about 100 couples attending from throughout the Diocese. Seven Pre-Cana Programs are scheduled during 2014.

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Answers to Old Testament Quiz

- 1. False (ans. 46)
- 2. True
- 3. False (ans. Judges)
- 4. True
- 5. False (ans. Wisdom)
- 6. True
- 7. True
- 8. False (ans. Obadiah)
- 9. False (ans. 10)
- 10. True

In this inaugural issue of the *Parish Pipeline*, many of our ministries have been highlighted. Immaculate Conception is fortunate to have many more ministries which will be focused on in coming issues. To learn more about these ministries, see the church website: http://www.icglenville.com, or contact Maryann Haskell, 399-6706, or e-mail maryann.haskell@gmail.com.