

Dear Parishioners:

“CELEBRATING G.I.F.T. AND GIFTS”

We have just completed our two sessions of the G.I.F.T. program, which we designed this year to promote people’s understanding and participation in the Holy Week that is upon us. G.I.F.T. stands for “growing in faith together,” and it is our parish’s name for the faith formation program that many parishes around the country are using called “Generation of Faith.” So, if someone from a neighboring parish says they are doing “Generations of Faith” at their parish you can respond by saying we are doing it as well, it’s just that it is called “G.I.F.T.” here.

This program was originally designed by its founder as a way of bringing people of all ages together to both share a meal, and then have some smaller group sessions where an aspect of our faith is taught and shared. His vision was made a reality in the two sessions we had. Families and people of all ages came, and I witnessed a nice atmosphere that gave us all a picture of who the Church is: “here comes everybody.” The G.I.F.T. program also brought forward new people who volunteered to help in one of the many ways that are needed to make this event happen.

On the other hand... I heard the founder of this program speak about a year and a half ago, and I had some real reservations as I listened to him saying things that made the classroom setting for religious instruction sound like a very weak method. His reasons were that in a classroom the faith is simply being taught, and faith, as we know, is not something that “is taught but something that is caught”. It was because of this that he came up with the idea of having people of all ages come together and “share the faith around the dinner table.”

I do not agree with him that the classroom is a “very weak” method. It does have some limitations, but the instruction that goes on in a classroom is a good and necessary complement to the “limitations” that are present in weekend Mass for instance, where we cannot have a discussion about things; homilies are not meant to be question and answer periods, though some people might like that better than a “boring” homily. And, why can’t students in a classroom “catch” the faith of their teachers? They can, and they sometimes do. As it is, I am very pleased and impressed with the effort and performance of our religious education coordinator, Laura Ruque, her PSR cabinet, and the catechists (teachers) in our PSR program, and I want to continue to work to enhance what takes place in that “limited” setting of the classroom. The G.I.F.T. program will not replace PSR, but it will act as a nice supplement to PSR. We will have the G.I.F.T. program a couple of times each year.

It takes a lot of work to make these G.I.F.T. sessions happen, and so I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to put it on for us. I think the people who came appreciated it as well.

There are “cabinets” here and there are “councils.” Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), under chairperson, Grace Himmelright, will soon be asking for nominations to replace the members who will be rotating off this year. PPC is an active and helpful resource to both me and the staff. The other “council” here is Finance Council (PFC). Finance Council has also been very helpful to me and our business manger, Maria, in overseeing the parish’s “stewardship” of the money that you have placed at our disposal for the upkeep and mission of the parish. Three

members have completed their terms this year: Colleen Gallagher (chairperson), Norm Funk (secretary), and Joann Wirtz (secretary). I would like to thank them for the gift of their expertise and their commitment to the monthly meetings of PFC for the past three years.

I hope you all have a wonderful Holy Week and Easter. I know we are all waiting for the weather to warm up. I too am really looking forward to this spring when “new life” will spring up in the parish again in our community garden, and in the outdoor recreation projects of sand volleyball and bocce for the grounds.

Sincerely,
Fr. Tim Plavac

*Today’s readings: (Palm Sunday) Isaiah 50:4-7/
Phil. 2:6-11/ Matt. 26:14-27:54.*

*Next week’s readings: (Easter) Acts 10:34,37-43/ Col. 3:1-4/
John 20:1-9.*

**Gilbert Larson
Susie Myers**

Angel Alvarez
Martha Bissler
Ida Bokovitz
Terry Bokovitz
Charles Bolden
Olga Coffman
Ken Davis
Ron Donoughe
Infant Lillian Fabian
Flo Farrar
Evie Funk
Joseph Graziano
Louise Graziano
Jewell Hine
Mary Kay Hoopingarner
Donald Illner
Matthew Kacir
Maria Kohler
Fran Kucharski
Barbara Kuenzel
Shirley Laule



John Leach
Ann McCullough
Carolyn Martin
Ray Martin
Joe Michelac
Rose Novinc
Irene O'Connor
Catherine Plescia
LaVonne Ritchey
John Sheffield
Howard Sigler
Gerald Smith
Tony Sroczyński
Joanne Tadych
Donna Volpe
Dorothy Walczak
Lin Warman
Nancy Weaver
Ann Wills
Elizabeth Witkoff
Elsie Wright
Sr. Mary Cora Skrivan, SND

Deacon Jim Duffy

The Mothers of Janet Sadowski, Rich Bacurin,
Donald Webster, and Ignatius DiNovo

The Fathers of Sue Kacir, Alanna Queener, and William Kiessel

The Daughters of Shirley Pass and Gus Skufca

The Sisters of Rosemary Taylor, Pat Globe,

Lillian Plavcan, Millie Sajovic,

Barb Kociba, Rose Kalivoda, and Cliff Faudree

The Granddaughter of Mary Maltry and

Dolores & Bob Misencik

The Nephews of Susie Myers, Renee DiNovo and Louise Graziano

The Uncles of Larry Plesnicar and David Queener

The Aunt of RoseAnn Stroebel

The Brothers-in-Law of Gloria Shusts,

Lillian Plavcan and Peg Olm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Robert McCullough, the Sister of Lottie Sroczyński and the Brother of Rose Jarc. We extend our sympathy to their families in their loss.



HARVEST FOR HUNGER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Harvest for Hunger is desperately seeking help from people to help sort and package food at

the Food Bank which is located in the Shoregate Shopping Center weekday afternoons, early evenings, or weekends. We must go in groups with at least one adult accompanying. If you are one of these workers who are willing to help, please call Will Andrews at 257-1361 for more information.

ISLAND CRUISE DANCE

St. John Vianney Youth Group is hosting a junior high dance on *Friday, April 8th* from 7 to 10 PM in the St. John Vianney Social Center. Tickets are \$5 each or \$4 plus 2 canned goods. These dances usually sell out so advanced tickets must be purchased at the St. John Vianney Parish Office beginning March 21st or you may call Laura Ruque here at St. Bede's and we will arrange to get the tickets for our group.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and FORMATION

NO PSR

PSR classes will not meet on this Tuesday, March 22nd. We encourage our PSR families to attend the Holy Week liturgies. There will be no PSR also on the following dates: Sunday, March 27th, Tuesday, March 29th, and Sunday, April 3rd. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 5th after Easter break.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our annual Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will take place during the week of *June 27th to July 1st* from 9:30 AM to Noon. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to help. More information will follow.

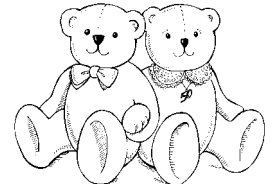
CELEBRATING

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

If you are expecting or have recently welcomed your first child into your family, please plan on joining us for our next Pre-Baptism class on *Monday, April 4th*, in the Youth Ministry Room of the Church. This class is a requirement before the baptism of your child. Please call the Parish Office at 257-5544 to register.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Are you celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2005? On Sunday, July 31st at 2:00 PM Bishop Anthony M. Pilla will be principal celebrant at the annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Couples who missed previous celebrations are also welcome to attend. Please call the Parish Office at 257-5544 for your reservation form.



Golden Anniversary

CARING

THE CHURCH NURSERY REBORN

Several parents have requested that we again offer the nursery for children under 3. Mrs. Maggie Kuyasa, a parishioner and co-owner of Delightful Day Preschool, has volunteered to work with us during the 10:00 AM Mass. Our first Sunday of operation will be *Sunday, April 3rd*. If you are interested in placing your child in the nursery, please register at the table in the Gathering Space. Mothers and teens willing to help, please also sign up.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY...

... is looking for volunteers to staff our food pantry on Mondays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to Noon. These posted hours will make our pantry more convenient for those in need. We are looking for three people for each day for three hours. You will be working with some of the nicest people in the world, and you will be able to get to know each other better before you get to heaven! How 'bout that! Just call the Parish Office (257-5544) and ask for SVDP voicemail. This "open pantry" program will start in April.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

DOUGH RAISERS

There will be a meeting on *Wednesday, April 13th* at 7:00 PM in the Youth Ministry Room to discuss making pierogis for the Parish Picnic. We hope to be cooking on the second and fourth Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month—Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

There are hundreds of corporations that participate in Corporate Matching Funds programs. Currently we are a Progressive Insurance approved charity and our St. Vincent DePaul Society is a First Energy approved charity. If you work for one of these companies please consider directing your matching gift to the parish or to St. Vincent DePaul.

Does your employer have a Corporate Matching Funds program? A simple phone call to your benefits department will quickly tell you if you could double your annual contributions. Many corporations use March 31st as a filing deadline for their matching gifts. Please think about taking a few minutes to see if your charitable donations can be doubled or tripled by your employer.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Do you have a news item you want to be printed in this bulletin? You must have items submitted *no later than the end of Tuesday* for the following weekend's bulletin. Items may be edited for space and/or clarity.



Final construction cost	\$2,572,987
Donations received to date	\$1,704,459
Remaining debt	\$868,528

SCOUTING NEWS



CAMERA NEEDED: Do you have an old 35mm camera (working) that you no longer are using? The scouts of Troop 383 are looking for the donation of a camera so that our historian can take pictures of troop activities and keep a history of our troop. Please call Ken Stroebel (257-8367) or Ken Fortuna (257-4590) if you can help us.

CONGRATULATIONS to Colin Wright, our newest Eagle Scout. Colin's Court of Honor will be held on April 10th in the Father Tulley Center. Colin coordinated and installed two wooden swings for Lake Farmpark.

IN FEBRUARY, Troop 383 retired 80 of your worn and tattered flags during a 2½-hour flag ceremony. The troop held a food drive in several nearby neighborhoods to help replenish our food pantry at St. Bede's. A dozen bags of food were collected. On Friday, March 18th, our scouts held the Stations of the Cross.

THE CUB SCOUTS of Pack 383 will be on the Mentor Channel (Comcast cable channel 12). The program will highlight the Blue and Gold Dinner, which celebrates the birthday of Cub Scouts. This year's dinner celebrated the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouts. The program will start on March 22nd; it will air 3 times a day for 3 weeks. It will also be available on VHS in the Mentor Library.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 3rd, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
All you can eat!
 Adults \$4; Seniors \$3
 Children ages 6-12 \$3; under 6, free

Stewardship of Treasure

March 13, 2005

Sunday Collection (383 envelopes).....	\$8,740
Children's Collection (15 envelopes).....	\$ 27
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 169
Certificate Program	\$ 176

<u>Current Week</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Break-Even</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$8,767	\$10,100	\$351,044	\$375,700



THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

Saturday, March 19, 2005

4:30 PM Bernadette Scoville by Scoville Family

Sunday, March 20, 2005 Palm Sunday

8:00 AM The Parish of St. Bede the Venerable
 10:00 AM Joseph & Angela Skufca and
 Louis & Naomi (Mary) Skufca by Family
 12:00 NOON Virginia Nawalaniec
 by Carolyn Nawalaniec

Monday, March 21, 20059:00 AM Moran Family
by Edward & Mary Ann Moran**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

9:00 AM Ralph Steinbicker by Esther Eva

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

9:00 AM M. Virginia O'Toole
 by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. O'Toole
 8:00 PM *Tenebrae*

Thursday, March 24, 2005 Mass of the Lord's Supper8:00 PM Joseph Cole by Family
*Adoration after Mass until Midnight***Friday, March 25, 2005 Good Friday**

9:00 AM *Office of Readings & Morning Prayer*
 12:00 NOON *Stations of the Cross*
 3:00 PM *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
 7:00 PM *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Saturday, March 26, 2005 Easter Vigil

9:00 AM *Office of Readings & Morning Prayer*
 1:00 PM *Blessing of Easter Foods*
 8:00 PM *Easter Vigil*
Stanley Jozwiak by Funeral Brunch Ladies

Sunday, March 27, 2005 Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Erin Miller by Family
 10:00 AM Jane Shula by Family
 12:00 Noon The Parish of St. Bede the Venerable

Sunday, March 20, 2005

10 AM: PSR (FTC, FTC-C)
 7:00 PM: Contemporary Music Practice (C)
 8:00 PM: AA Meeting (FTC)

Monday, March 21, 2005

9:30-10:30 AM: Confessions
 7:00 PM: Bell Choir (Choir Room)
 7:00 PM: Franciscans (FTC)
 7:00-8:00 PM: Confessions

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

12:30 PM: Scripture Sisters (FTC)
NO PSR THIS WEEK
 6:30 PM: RCIC (Library)

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

4:00 PM: Girl Scouts (FTC)
 6:30-7:45 PM: Confessions
 7:00 PM: Cub Scouts (FTC)
 7:00 PM: Centering Prayer (Chapel)

Friday, March 24, 2005*Parish Office closed***Monday, March 28, 2005***Parish Office closed***CONFESSIONS**

Confessions may be made *Monday, March 21st* from 9:30-10:30 AM and from 7:00-8:00 PM; and *Wednesday, March 23rd* from 6:30-7:45 PM.