



# The Grapevine



The Parish Newsletter of Saint Jude Catholic Church

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## A Letter from Our Pastor

# Welcome To Our New Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parishioners,

**W**elcome to the new look of our parish newsletter!

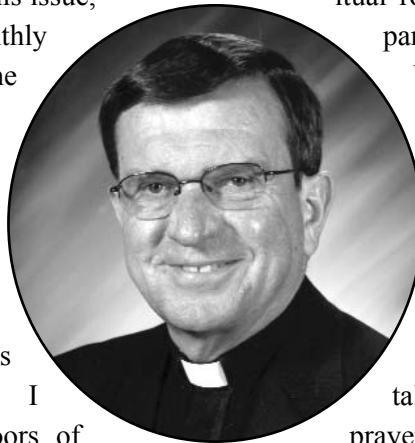
As I begin my twenty-first year as your pastor, I recognize more so now than ever, the need for increased communication with you. With this issue, we will begin a monthly issue of the Grapevine with the hope that it helps us to better understand who we are and what we are doing as individual members of Christ's family. Through this monthly newsletter, I hope to open the doors of communication and introduce you, in a much more intimate way, to the various ministries and organizations at St. Jude.

I hope that this regular publication of education and information will give us all a better sense of our common identity as members of St. Jude. I pray that this newsletter will be a vehicle through which you are kept informed, your spiritual

growth is challenged and you are encouraged to become more actively involved in parish life.

This fall, we are introducing a comprehensive process of implementing Stewardship or if you wish to call it Discipleship at St. Jude. It has strong spiritual roots and hopefully will touch parishioners of all ages. It is based on gratitude and not guilt. As disciples of Christ, all are welcomed as guests with graciousness and hospitality. We acknowledge the fact that everything we have is a gift, and we are simply stewards of our time, talents and love. My hope and prayer is that, through this process, we will all come to a deeper appreciation of the Lord's unconditional love for us, and are then even more open to God's grace and willingness to be of service to each other.

Many signs of accomplishment and potential are evident in our parish, and I am very grateful to all of you who have helped us become what we are today.



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By: Fran Schuster

## St. Jude Parishioners Around Town

### Jane M. Fusilero:

At the Awards Dinner of 2005 of the Distinguished Women in Healthcare Awards, through the Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare, Jane M. Fusilero, RN, MSN, MGA.CNNAA received the Leadership Award. Working collaboratively with VNA President and Chief Executive Officer Mary Lou V. Stricklin, they established a home healthcare program on the campus of MetroHealth Medical Center. Jane was featured in the August 2005 CLEVELAND MAGAZINE Issue. Congratulations, Jane.

### Joe Gentile:

In June, at a banquet in Richmond Heights, Joe Gentile was honored as the 2005 Man of the Year by the Ohio State Former Boxers & Associates. The association is made up of former fighters, judges and referees from the Cleveland area. Joe has served as all three and he is a promoter in a career that began in 1959 when he started as a 112 pound fighter. A year later, he was runner-up to Jimmy Moon in the Lorain Golden Glovers. He was also enshrined into the Elyria Sports Hall of Fame in 1987, and the Ohio State Former Boxers & Associates inducted him into its Hall of Fame.

### Jeff Poyle:

Jeff Poyle was enshrined into the Elyria Hall of Fame in May, but was unable to attend the event because he was recovering from eye surgery. His brother Greg represented him. At the ceremony, a special award was given to Elyria High's Kate Verhoff who was first-team All-Ohio in volleyball and basketball. For the first time, scholarships were presented, with Elyria Catholic's John Grega being a recipient.



### "Shotgun" Shuba:

Mary Kay Shuba, who has a dental practice in Elyria with her husband, Sean McNeeley, is a mighty proud daughter as her dad is a former Brooklyn Dodger, "Shotgun" Shuba. At 80-years-old, he is the oldest living member of the players immortalized by Roger Kahn in the 1972 book "The Boys of Summer" who was still with the Dodgers during the 1955 championship season. Shuba will be attending the reunion of the '55 Dodgers in Los Angeles and attending will be Mary Kay and the family. He also will be present at the "Hall of Fame" induction in Cooperstown, signing autographs along with Monte Irvin, Ralph Kiner and others. Shuba was on the front line when baseball history was made. He played in Montreal in 1946 when Robinson broke the color barrier. Robinson homered in his first game and Shuba was the man who shook Jackie's hand as he crossed the plate. At that time both he and Jackie played for the Montreal Royals. Shuba was featured in the Chronicle.



## Parish Organizations

# Officers for the New Year



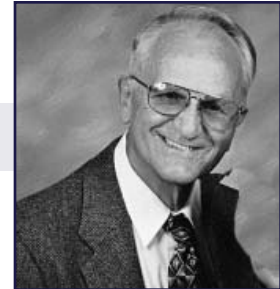
*Joan Schwenz*



*Fran Schuster*



*Jeff Wohlever*



*Cliff Thierry*

### Altar & Rosary Society:

CoPresidents: Joan Schwenz & Fran Schuster, Recording Secretary: Jean Koch, Treasurer: Janet Smith and Financial Secretary: Dolores Novak.

### Holy Name Society:

President: Jeff Wohlever, Vice President: Jack Hart, Secretary: Bob Rusnak, Treasurer: Sean McNeeley and Marshall Hal Minnich.

### St. Jude Seniors:

President: Cliff Thierry, Secretary: Fran Schuster and Treasurer: Steve Petrik.



*Christine Rider*



*Chris Hayes*



*Tom Wilford*

### Parent Club:

President: Christine Rider, Vice President: Carole Horseman, Secretary: Sara Sharick, Treasurer: Mila Reaser, Marketing/PR: Mike Wisnor and Communications: Lisa Bir & Lauren Roemer.

### Sports Committee:

Athletic Director: Chris Hayes, Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Wilden, Basketball Director: Tom Taylor, Football Director: Tony Cavaceci, Volleyball Director: Debbie Looney, Track Director: Bill Elwer and Cheerleading Director: Michelle Wisnor.

### Parish Council:

2003-2006 - Jane Fusilero, Mike Joris, Rick Poje. 2004-2007 - John Bender, Brendan Dillon, Pearl Lisowski, 2005-2008 - John Fritz, Karen Turk, Tom Wilford. Parish Council Officers: Chairperson - Tom Wilford, Vice Chairperson - Pearl Lisowski, Secretary - Jane Fusilero.



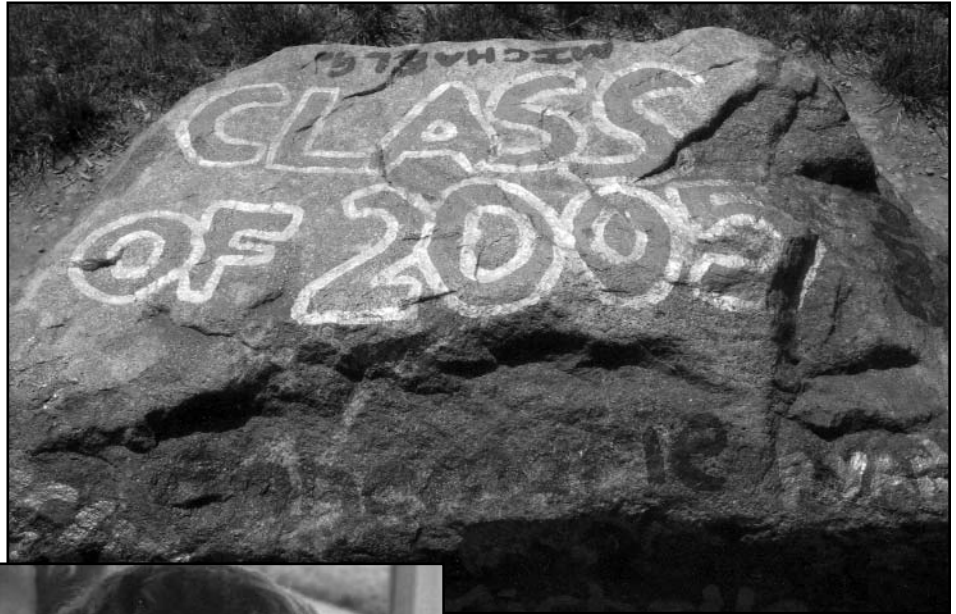
By: Maria Grega

# Renewing The Vision For St. Jude School

St. Jude School has been part of the Elyria community for over 50 years, and over the past few years, it has grown in size structurally by the expansion of the school facility and gym. But more importantly, the school has grown and developed internally in several ways that are not as evident as the physical structure. Particularly, Rozann Swanson, principal of the school is excited to see the school grow and develop as she and the rest of the faculty and staff strive to institute their vision.

She explains that the focus of St. Jude School is the child, and each child needs to know that he or she has a place in the St. Jude community. God has given them each personal gifts, and He calls them to develop those gifts and to use them for the benefit of His kingdom. At St. Jude School, we help our students learn to cultivate their gifts so that they can be properly used for God's glory. In order to re-focus the school community, Rozann has worked with students, parents and faculty to develop three distinct areas of the school: co-curricular, extra-curricular and school spirit.

The co-curricular area works at enhancing basic classroom instruction by adding excitement and using all the different modes of learning. These programs are diverse and



expose students to areas and methods of instruction that are not routinely seen in the classroom. Over the past year, the students have worked with many professionals in the community

who have helped them develop in a variety of ways.

For example, "The Cleveland Opera on Tour" exposed the K-6 grade students to an opera program during the school day. As well, "The Great Lakes Residency Program" worked with students in writing and improvisational performing. Students actively participated in an archeological dig in cooperation with the Natural History Museum. "Operation Keepsake" was a sexuality program that taught abstinence through age-appropriate activities, lectures and speakers that taught teens to respect and value others and themselves.

The second area of school life that Rozann and the rest of the school community have strived to develop is the extracurricular activities. Through these, Rozann hopes to cap-



ture both the minds and the hearts of the students.

Through Student Council, students learn to develop as leaders, and they are offered many opportunities for community service. It allows the students to have a vested interest in the school that will carry over into all aspects of their lives.

Some of the other extracurricular activities are still in their infancy. There is a plan for a Technology Club, which will focus on students who have an interest or talent, related to technology. Currently, St. Jude students do a monthly morning broadcast at the school. The plan is to increase the frequency of those broadcasts and help to develop and enhance students' creativity through technology.

The Drama club is another activity being pursued. The hope is to help students to develop through fine arts and have their efforts culminate in some type of production.

The Service Team will be geared toward teaching students about different areas of stewardship and how we all have a responsibility to share our time, talent and treasure. This is an opportunity for us to show our gratitude to God and acknowledge all the blessings that He has bestowed upon them.

All of these activities are implemented and monitored by a member of the faculty. Rozann is incredibly appreciative of all the energy and enthusiasm that the faculty and staff

have put into all the new programs. She explains, "the children are the focus, at the heart of everything that we do at St. Jude School. We have made it our focus to continue to develop the school programs for their benefit."

The last area of focus is that of school spirit, which we have started to strengthen. Rozann spoke with many of the junior high students



about their school spirit last year, and she was impressed with how the students conducted themselves and how their suggestions and criticisms were constructive and respectful. In reviewing the students' suggestions with the faculty, several changes have been implemented to help develop a fun learning environment.

For example, each junior high class has its own school color, and the students will wear their specific color sweat shirts and socks in order to connect them together as a class. As well, the school courtyard will be updated and will be used for academic and social events this year. Several

junior high social events were initiated last year: an opening of the school year picnic, Friday night bowling, a junior high dance and an Indians game. They were all met with very positive responses and the faculty is reviewing ideas for junior high social events for this school year.

This year is the beginning of another accreditation process. In order for a school to continue to be accredited by the state of Ohio, it must fulfill certain requirements. We are excited to seek renewal of our accreditation, the first steps for which will include setting our goals, developing action steps, and looking at our schools particular strengths. The accreditation process begins anew every five years.

A lot has been accomplished to meet the needs and promote the students at St. Jude School, and Rozann continues to sing the praises of her faculty and staff, realizing that only when they all join their efforts together will they accomplish their goals properly. And it is only then that they can best minister to the students.

As this year moves forward, we are excited about what is in store. Join us as we pray that St. Jude School will continue to develop so as to offer our children a strong Catholic education. In addition, if you are interested in helping us implement our school's vision, we welcome you. Please call the school office to offer your help in any way.



## Parish Event- Lorain County Eucharistic Day

# Closing The Year Of The Eucharist

**O**n June 10, 2004, in his homily on the feast of Corpus Christi, Pope John Paul II proclaimed October 2004-October 2005 to be the Year of the Eucharist. He proclaimed, "Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, 'Began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.' Thinking precisely of this, I wanted to dedicate the first encyclical of the millennium to the Eucharist and I am now pleased to announce a special Year of the Eucharist. It will begin with the World Eucharistic Congress, planned to take place from 10 to 17 October 2004 in Guadalajara, Mexico, and will end with the next Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, that will be held in the Vatican from October 2-29, 2005 and whose theme will be: "The Eucharist: source and summit of the life and mission of the Church." Through the Eucharist, the Ecclesial Community is built up as a new Jerusalem, a principle of unity in Christ among different persons and peoples."

The Church has taken the Holy Father's word to heart and spent this year reviving our love for and dedication to Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Through locally and nationally organized prayer efforts, many of us at St. Jude have gained a greater faith in the true living presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Like St.

Francis of Assisi, we can now proclaim with great vigor, "What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation." We know He is there for us in a remarkably humble form.

We want to end this Year of the Eucharist with a special celebration. We want to show the world the beauty of the Blessed Sacrament, so we at St. Jude are taking a large part in the Lorain County Eucharistic Day. After many long hours of preparation, the long-awaited day is almost here, and we encourage everyone to participate in the day's festivities.

On October 2, we will gather on our parish grounds along with thousands of other Catholics in the Lorain County area. From 1:00-2:30 p.m. the Eucharist will be exposed in the church for individual adoration. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with your family before the procession, which will begin around 2:30 p.m. Bishop James Quinn will lead the Eucharistic procession down Poplar Street to Elyria Catholic's stadium. During the procession, we encourage groups of parishioners from all over the area to process together, carrying



signs that identify them.

The procession will end at the Elyria Catholic Stadium, where Bishop Quinn will lead a prayer service. In addition, Fr. J-Glen Murray will serve as guest homilist and music will be provided by the nationally known group Who Do You Say I Am.

We are extremely excited to help host this grand celebration. It is sure to be a true witness of our deep faith in the Eucharist! Please join us on October 2nd. Come at 1:00 p.m. for a short time of adoration and a picnic lunch... or just join us for the procession. Join us at 2:30 p.m. for the procession. Help us end the Year of the Eucharist as vibrantly as it began!



## Stewardship

# What Is Stewardship At St. Jude?

**W**hat do you think of when you hear the word “stewardship?” Do you think it is another way to talk about money? Actually, stewardship is a concept that is scripturally based and absolutely vital to our life as Catholics. In the very first book of the Old Testament, Genesis 1:28, God says, “Be fertile and multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and all the living things that move

money. If Jesus spoke of stewardship that much, it should be a very important part of our lives!

As Catholics, we refer to the three facets of stewardship as Time, Talent and Treasure. Although these are three concrete ways to speak of and measure stewardship, the American Catholic Bishops have told us that stewardship is part of discipleship. Stewardship is a way of responding to God's call in every aspect of our life.

need to gratefully return a portion of our time, talent, and treasure to God in recognition of all that He has given to us.

It is important to remember that stewardship is a way of life, not a program. True Catholic stewardship involves an ongoing call to live as followers of Christ. It takes time to find and define personal goals. You can begin by examining your personal commitments to the parish. In what way do you live your faith in your daily life with your family and friends? How much time do you spend in daily prayer, going to Mass or being involved in parish ministries and activities? What percentage of your income should you give back to God every week? What talents do you have that could be used to strengthen the parish family?

In the coming months, we will be increasing and intensifying our education and communication on stewardship. We will be coming to a better understanding of how stewardship is a way of responding to God's call to discipleship. With God's help, changes will occur in each of our hearts as we devote ourselves to a stewardship renewal within our parish. Examine how you are currently responding to God's call to stewardship. If God called you home tomorrow, would he proclaim “well done my good and faithful servant?”



on the earth.” What does that mean to us today? It simply means that God is telling us that “This is yours, take care of it.” One of the first things God tells us to do is to be good stewards of the gifts He has entrusted to us!

The Old Testament is not the only place where references to Stewardship are found. In fact, of the 36 parables in the New Testament, over half deal with time, talent, possessions or

One point cannot be over-emphasized: We are taught by the scriptures and Church traditions that stewardship is primarily based on our need to give in gratitude, not on the Church's need to receive. Of course, the Church at large and our parish specifically will always need money. However, we are not asked to give simply to defray costs and fund charitable programs. Instead, we are asked to remember our



# ...Welcome To Our New Monthly Newsletter (cont.)

Working together in the past we have built up wonderful facilities at St. Jude. We now undertake a new phase of spiritual formation. In some ways, this can be more challenging but it is also very exciting. As we continue to grow, the support and involvement of each individual parishioner is necessary to sustain the life of our parish. All of you have a place here, and all of you have a role to fill in the life of the parish as we live our lives as disciples of Christ.

May the Spirit of God renew and refresh all of us as we work together to build our parish family through the use of our time, talent and treasures or prayer, energy and love.

With best wishes I am

Sincerely in Christ

Rev. Frank P. Kosem  
Pastor

## Join Us for a Night at the Races

*October 1, 2005*

*In The St. Jude Gymnasium and Family Center*

*Doors open at 5:30, dinner is served at 6:30 with the races starting at 8:00 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$20.00 per person & can be purchased at the Rectory*



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