

August 21, 2005

# St. Priscilla Family

## NEWSLETTER



### FR. JIM'S JOURNAL

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks Peter this question in today’s Gospel reading. This is a very important question. It is a question that each one of us needs to answer for ourselves. What is your answer? Peter’s answer is: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” That must have been a good answer, because based upon this answer, Jesus made Peter the rock upon which he will build His Church.

Do you agree with Peter? Do you agree that Jesus is the Christ? If we believe this, we need to live our lives as though we believe it. As God called Peter, God is calling all believers do love and serve Him and one another. How is God calling you to live the Gospel?

As we approach fall, it is a good time to spend some time in prayer discerning how God is calling us to live our faith. God is calling all of us to be active in our parish community. He is not calling all of us to be the rock upon which he will build His Church, but he is calling us to do something. If you are not active in the parish now, what would you like to do? If you have been doing the same thing for many years, maybe it is time to try something new or maybe it is time to extend your level of commitment. All are welcome in all of the many ministries in the Parish.

Please keep the people of St. Agatha Parish in your prayers over the next week. This weekend is our last weekend of regular liturgies. Next Sunday at 4:00 PM will be our final liturgy. This is a difficult time for the People of St. Agatha. Your prayers will help.

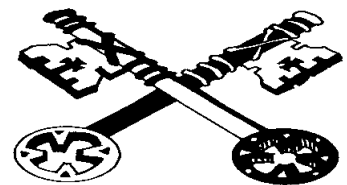
Next week is transition week for Mary Jo Lafer, our new Parish Secretary and Sam Atherton, our new Maintenance Supervisor, as well as myself. I am so pleased to be bringing both of them with me to St. Priscilla. They are fabulous people and they do a great job. You will love both of them. We hope to be settled and ready to go in September. I look forward to being with all of you.

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Jim

### Prayer

O God, we pray that we might know you and your ways more deeply. You have blessed us with many things, but most importantly you have blessed us with people to love. Help us to treat our human family with care and compassion. Make us servants in the way Jesus taught us to serve as he washed the feet of his followers.

You daily present us with opportunities for service, entrusting us to love the poor, the homeless, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. Help us to keep that trust by giving us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands that reach out in friendship and love. Teach us to care for the earth’s bounty and beauty with respect and responsibility, making as small a footprint on this planet as possible.



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### Question of the Week

The confession of Peter illustrated the goal of the apostles—lead others in faith by the witness of their own faith. As bearer of the keys, Peter became steward of the faith and of the faithful. This responsibility passes to all who lead others to Christ. Think about how you practice stewardship over the care of others and the earth.

*Adults:* What will I do this week to examine my own exercise of authority over others (children, co-workers, community)?

*Children:* How can I care for the earth this week?

### Parish Life This Week

Aug 22	7PM	Council Meeting
Aug 25	7PM	Bible Study
Aug 27	7:30AM	Men's Fellowship
Aug 28	12Noon	Baptisms
<b>Looking Ahead</b>		
Sept 01	7PM	Bible Study

### ⌘⌘ Handmaids ⌘⌘

August 26 *Lee Curtis & Bernie Paquette*  
 September 2 *OFF*



#### Monday, August 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9  
Mt 23:23-26

#### Tuesday, August 23rd Rose of Lima, virgin

1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 139:1-6  
Mt 23:23-26

#### Wednesday, August 24th Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18  
Jn 1:45-51

#### Thursday, August 25th Louis of France

1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17  
Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday, August 26th

1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12  
Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday, August 27th Monica

1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9  
Mt 25:14-30

#### Sunday, August 28th Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27



### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 20th, 4:30pm

Edmund Mazark by Gerald & Claire  
Mazark and Carol & Paul Hicky  
Mary Claire Roberts by Rita McCarthy

#### Sunday, August 21st, 9:00am

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eugene Nabozny by Wife  
Deceased Members of Nabozny/Tabor  
Families by Phyllis Nabozny  
Armando Merucci by Wife Anna  
Benedetta Fragoli by Mr & Mrs Benedetto  
Vettrano

#### Sunday, August 21st, 11:00am

Italo Serra by Wife & Family  
Betty Monendo by Ed & Peggy Contway  
Thomas Olst by Eleanor  
Joseph Barany by Family

#### Monday, August 22nd, 8:00am

Allen Pease by Wife Doris

#### Tuesday, August 23rd, 8:00am

Wanda Hamernik by Clara Sosnowski  
Giovanna Troiani by Fred & Rose Powers

#### Wednesday, August 24th, 8:00am

Francesco & Giacomina Ledda by Carta  
Family

#### Thursday, August 25th, 8:00am

Fr. Raymond Bucon, 26th Anniversary of  
Priesthood

#### Friday, August 26th, 8:00am

Linn Kain by Family  
Ted Konieczny by Bob & Marge Kelley

#### Saturday, August 27th, 4:30pm

Fran Esper by Family  
Phyllis Lucas by Donna Bishop

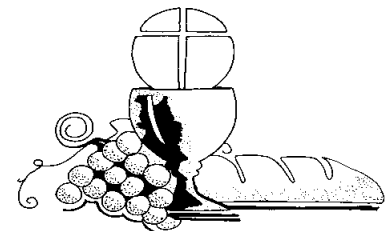
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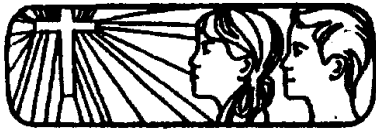
Joann Visca by Husband Mike  
Mary Ellen Griffin by Friend Terrence  
Michela Carta by Carta Family  
Benny Picano by Jon & Marcy Groulx

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Michelle Monendo by Dad & Family  
Joseph Barany by Family  
Tom Olst by Peggy & Ed Contway  
Mary Anne (Sage) Moco, 2nd Anniversary by Family



DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVER
AUGUST 27 4:30PM	Stephen Garchar	Donna DelFavero, Sharon Konal, Terry O'Dea, Catherine O'Dea, Bernie Szeliga	Scott Paschke <i>Volunteer</i>
AUGUST 28 9:00AM	<i>Volunteer</i>	Annette Haapala, Anne Hoger, Tom Hoger, Lorna Mattson, Ed Sacha	Molly Pugliese Michael Barill
AUGUST 28 11:00AM	Marilyn Gallagher	Melissa Arondoski, Corinne Bruder, Lee Curtis, Louise Mazure, Yvonne Nemeth	Adam Kaptanowsky Erik Kaptanowsky
<b>USHER SCHEDULE --- AUGUST 2005 --- TEAM B</b>			



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
ARE YOUR CHILDREN  
REGISTERED?**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Classes are scheduled to begin on September 21 and 22. All registrations must be received by September 1st to ensure a space.

The following classes are already filled: Grade 1, Thur. 4:30; Grade 6, Thur. 4:30; Gr. 7, Wed. 4:30 and Thur. 6:30; and Grade 8, Thur. 6:30. Class lists are posted in the Activity Center.

**CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED**

We are almost there! We have only two classes still needing a catechist:

*Wednesday 4:30 Grade 1  
Thursday 4:30 Grade 3*



We could also use volunteers to team teach or to be an aide in other classes.

If you would like to help please contact Joni Benson to find out if you qualify, 248-476-4702. The first Catechist Meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 PM.



Please help Ryan Castiglione from Boy Scout Troop 742 with his Eagle Scout Project.

Ryan was a member of our Confirmation class last year and will be a freshman at Clarenceville High School.

He is collecting school supplies for Foster Children in grades K—12 for a non profit organization called Big Family of Michigan. School supplies can be left in the special box he has placed in the church vestibule. See the list on the flyer attached to the box for suggestions of things needed.

Ryan thanks you in advance for your kindness and support.

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The RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the formal way that adults from other faiths, those with no religious background or Catholic adults who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation become full members of the Church. Formal classes will begin in September. Those wishing to be part of the RCIA process need to have an interview with Joni Benson to begin the process.

*Please invite someone  
to join the RCIA,  
have them call Joni at 248-476-4702.*

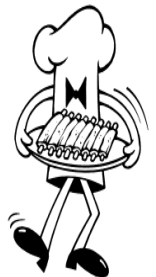


The last informal Inquiry Session will be Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 PM. Our topic will be, "A Look Inside the Church, People and Places." Any adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are invited to attend. You are welcome to bring a guest with you. If you have questions or would like more information please call

Joni Benson at 248-476-4702.

**.. And more  
Thanks...**

go out to our generous donors Leon's Restaurant, Famous Broasted Chicken and Rita John McCarthy.



Again this year, Leon's and Famous Chicken donated multiple gift certificates to their restaurant and store, respectively. Rita donated a beautiful doll wearing hand crocheted garments. Their donations were raffled off during the 50/50 Raffle drawings. Congratulations to all the winners. From St Priscilla Parish and the Social/Picnic Committee, thanks again for your generosity and support of the parish. The Social Committee

*"...To everything there is a season  
and a time to every purpose  
under heaven..."*



**...a time to be born...  
...a time to love...**

**...a time to heal...:** Harold Mackler, Eleanor Rakozy, Joseph Schwartzenburger, Mary Kennedy, Michelle Manikowski, Antonia DiPonio, Ed Potocki, Sister Cheryl Ann Grenier, Virginia Coughlin, Gary Ostrander, Don & Jean Schicker, Tobey Noel, Christopher Francis, Rose Vincent, Audrey Negro, Denise Blackwell, Ray Wirtz, Baby Nicholas, Ron McKinney, John Pawlowski, Harvey Letourneau, Jackie Bender, Freddy Kunz, Elaine Pomaville, Suzanne Sands, Julie McCammon, Thomas Durkin, Dino Manolatos, Joann Pilchak, Vern Johnson, Nancy Obsenik, Catherine Santo, Donald Johnson, Ed Vincent, Lenore Kempster, Paul Hoberman, Dave Walker

**...a time to die...** Alphonse Trudell

**Please hold our Service men and women in your prayers...**

Fr. Raymond H. Bucon, Adam Hachey, Robert Albro, Michael Lanctot, Richard Bastien, Robert E. Oldani, Seth Janisse, Patrick Steenburg, Christopher Masel, Ryan Masel, Robert Uren, Jr., Fletcher Armstrong, III, Michael Goodrow, Dan LeClere, Tanya Dudek

To have someone from your family enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.



August 21, 2005  
Mt 16:13-20

**Safety in numbers**

We all love to voice our opinion. Print and internet opinion polls have sprouted up in the thousands almost overnight. With the touch of a key you can pull down statistics on every subject from breakfast cereal to political theory. Yet this fascination with personal opinion pales in comparison to our need to be accepted. As we scan those numbers, we're also desperate to have popular opinion behind us, knowing that around the world or the block the greatest number of others agrees with us.

Peter too might have felt safer, more comfortable, agreeing with popular opinion. It was a harsh, revealing light that Jesus cast on him by asking, "But who do *you* say that I am?" Peter could have hidden behind the voice of the majority, but instead he stepped out in faith, willing to be seen alone no matter how unpopular his opinion was. And this courageous declaration of faith became the rock on which Jesus founded His church. It is a point for us to ponder whenever we seek "safety in numbers".

**A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

Lord, hold our troops in your  
loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families for the  
selfless acts they perform  
for us in our time of need.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our  
Lord and Savior.  
Amen



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
WEEKDAY (Monday-Friday) 8:00 AM  
HOLYDAY 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday—Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM  
Friday 8:30AM- 12:30PM**

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class. Dates are published in the bulletin or you may call for a schedule. After class completion, arrangements for Baptisms are made by calling the parish office.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:00 PM and after morning Mass

**SICK CALLS**

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office .

**WEDDINGS**

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

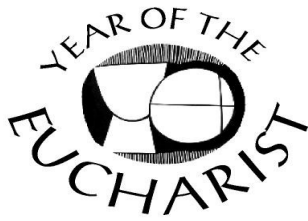
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Lord Jesus, keep us close to you in the Eucharist; in the breaking of the bread, we discover your true love which seeks only our good; keep young people close to you, as they celebrate

*Weljungendtag*

so that through the Eucharist they may be strengthened in charity and service.



Isaiah said, "Observe what is right, do what is just." Pope Paul VI said, "If you want peace, work for justice." Good words from good people. If God is the center of your life, if you seek justice and peace, you are in good company. Priests, sisters and brothers around the world are doing the same thing. For information, call the Vocation Office at 313-237-5875 or visit our web site at

[www.vocationsdetroit.org](http://www.vocationsdetroit.org)

## Everyday Christianity

By John McNichol

### Call it Courage?

We've heard of Saints who were willing to withstand torments rather than give up their faith. Sometimes we'd like to think we would be equally courageous. Other times we realize just how spiritually fragile we are.

It could be co-workers who sneer about 'weird' pro-lifers, or relatives who dismiss the Faith as myths and fairy stories. We all have opportunities to demonstrate both by example and by speaking aloud the truths of the Faith.

Keeping quiet when others can be led astray is akin to denying Our Lord. We wouldn't want Christ to be silent on our behalf; shouldn't we speak up on His?

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward is to see what you believe"*

*St. Augustine*

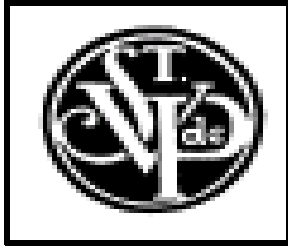
### Fr. Ray Update

I arrived at Bagram air base the first week of August. I didn't know what to expect when I landed and was pleasantly surprised to be greeted by one of the chaplain assistants who helped me with my bags and took me to my temporary quarters. It took eight days to get from Fr. Benning, Georgia to Bagram in Afghanistan due to airplane maintenance problems and problems with the runway at Bagram. Anyway, I'm here and did the Masses at the air base last weekend while the other priest traveled to one of the forward operating bases. Soon it will be my turn to venture forth to these smaller and more isolated outposts.

There is one paved road on the base which is about two miles long. You can basically walk anywhere you need to go though it's very uncomfortable in the middle of the day. Once off the two lane road everything else is dirt and gravel. I am part of Joint Task force-76. There are 17,000 American troops here and most of them are a part of this Task Force or a subordinate of it. I met one of the other priests here, Fr. Joe Fluery, a priest of the Marist order, who has been in the Army for 15 years and was stationed in Vincenza, Italy before coming here. As his unit is coordinating things for JTF-76 I will wear that unit's patch on my sleeve, the southern Europe Task force patch.

There are three dining facilities here and each serves good food including three entrees to choose from and always a table loaded with fruit, salad, cold cuts, breads, cereals, and such. There is a short order section for hamburgers and grilled chicken sandwiches. Everywhere you can find bottles of water to drink and the dining facility also has choices of fruit, juices, milk, soda pop, coffee, Gatorade, and, of course, water. I have about a ten minute walk to get to the closest dining facility.

With a limited number of computers available, we are allowed on them a half hour at a time. E-mail has been a great thing for the soldiers to keep in contact with their families. When they know their families are doing okay they can then perform, their jobs better. I asked one of the chaplain assistants who has been here for six months where the bowling alley was located. "When you find it, Chaplain, let me know." he said. "We mostly work or email home. There's not a lot else to do." *(More to come next week)*



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

NOTES

HERE IS AN ACCOUNTING  
OF OUR STEWARDSHIP  
7/1/2004 - 6/30/2005

*Income*

7% Fund*	\$23,813
Benefactors	6,915
Poor box	<u>204</u>
Total Income	\$30,932

*Expenses*

Contributions	\$9,464
Food	9,751
Household	619
Housing	6,280
Medical	70
Miscellaneous	2,038
Transportation	200
Utilities	<u>3,324</u>
Total Expense	\$31,746
Grand Total	(\$814)

Behind the numbers there is a message of love and caring for the poor. It says the members of the St. Priscilla family are following Christ's mandate to love our neighbors in need.

*\*Editors note: For those new to the parish, the 7% Fund is our way of supporting the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Every Sunday offertory collection has 7% removed and given to the work of St. Vincent. Thank you to all who support our parish and our SVDP work.*

**Youth Ministry News!**

**Reflections from World Youth Day—Cologne  
Day 7, Sunday, August 14, 2005 Paris, France**

Greetings form the City of Light!

So far we have been to Barcelona, Lourdes and are writing this evening from Parish. We have been on planes, trains, buses and boat. We have seen many great cathedrals, churches, basilicas, castles, chateaux, landmarks and other wonderful things. But, to keep things simple we just celebrated Mass in the hotel café with Fr. Pat Casey of St. Thomas a' Becket in Plymouth. At this simple Mass we leaned that the Holy Spirit can move people to great thins: from successfully prevailing upon Jesus like the Canaanite woman in today's gospel, to building a great cathedral like Saganda Familia in Barcelona (which, after 120 years, is still being built), to moving thousands of people, like to seek the Lord's power in Lourdes as did St. Bernadette.

As we make ready to move to Cologne itself to begin the World Youth Day festivities, we are looking to keep ourselves open to the Holy Spirit's inspiration in our lives over the next week.

Peace, Matt, Steve, Ken, Jen, Maggie, Joe, Ron & Priscilla.

**Thoughts and Human Life**

For teenagers everywhere, that they might learn from our example the value of every human life. We pray to the Lord



Far from being passive recipients of the Church's pastoral care, older people are irreplaceable apostles, especially among their own age group, because no one is more familiar than they with the problems and the feelings of this phase of life.

Pontifical Council for the Laity



For modern man, the idea of placing limits on research sounds like blasphemy. However, an intrinsic limit exists, and this is human dignity. Progress obtained at the price of the violation of human dignity is unacceptable. If research attacks man, it is a deviation of science. Even if we protest that this or that research will open possibilities for the future, we must say no when man is at stake. The comparison is a bit strong, but, I would like to recall that already once before someone has carried out medical experiments on persons who were held to be inferior. Where will the logic that consists in treating a fetus or an embryo as a thing lead?

Pope Benedict XIV



## *Editor Instruction Sheet*

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### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Please return to our normal number of bulletins**

**RATING:**

**EXCELLENT**

**GOOD**

**FAIR**

**POOR**

**COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:**

**PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING:**

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**



# St. Priscilla Family

