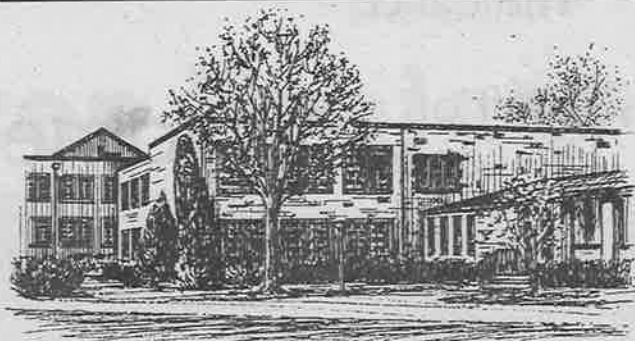




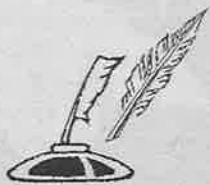
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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to our Eleventh issue. The Lance is part of the Parish Network of New World Publications. It is a great way to communicate with all in the Parish and the only one that is delivered to all registered parishioners. All of whom I hope had a great summer and are looking forward to what the Fall will bring.

Highlights of this issue are more family stories, "second generation" family stories that is. Don't miss reading this; who they are, where they lived, now live...who knows you may be living in a house one of them grew up in!

Sadly, we had to say good-bye to Father Matt who has retired and decided to move on and share his pastoral ways in a slower setting. This story and others covering past events and what's ahead are covered in this issue.

Thank you all who contributed to this issue and please, everyone, support our advertisers at the back of each Lance.

Josephine Teister

Good-bye to Fr. Matt

Reverend Matthew D. McDonald, oldest of three boys and two girls in the family, was born on November 2, 1915. His father was a Chicago Fireman for 32 years and his mother was a housewife. He attended St. Malachy School for the first few grades and then moved into St. Matthew parish where he and his brothers and sisters attended school and graduated.

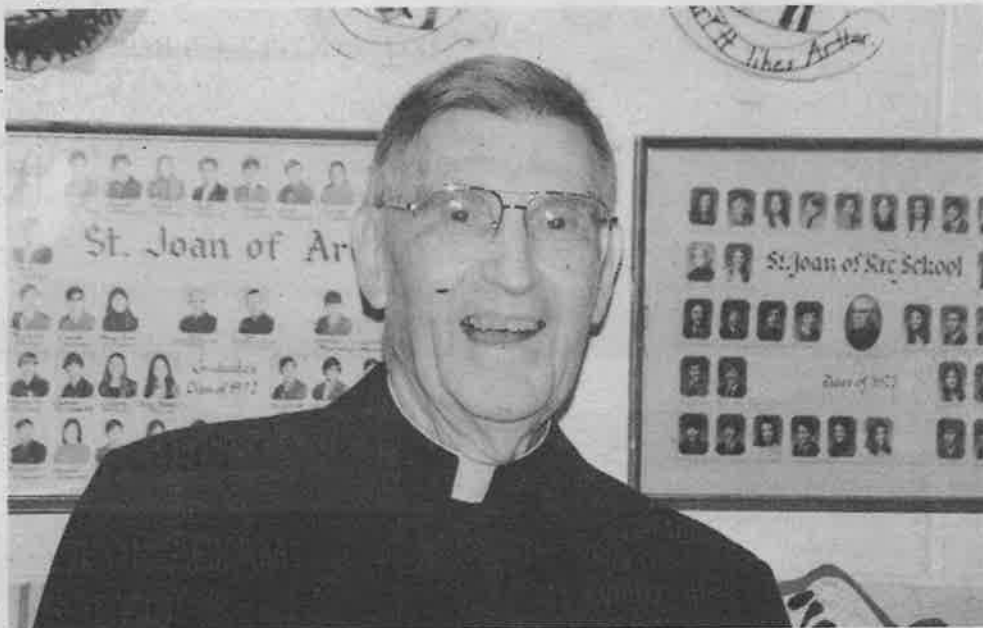
After graduation, he attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary and went on to the Major Seminary at Mundelein, St. Mary of the Lake. He was ordained on May 18, 1940.

His first assignment was as an assistant at Our Lady Help of Christians. From there he moved on to Sacred Heart on 19th and Halsted and then to St. Thomas Aquinas where he celebrated his 25th Anniversary.

His next stop was the Pastorate at St. Malachy. It was during this time that the Cardinal asked Father MacDonald to assume the Chaplaincy of the Chicago Fire Department. Father accepted the assignment and was both Pastor and Chaplain for awhile.

The demands on his time and talents were really too much so he petitioned to give up St. Malachy and just remain as the Chicago Fire Department Chaplain. He was granted the permission and from 1968 until 1988 he resided as St. Veronica and was the Chaplain of the Chicago Fire Department. While at St. Veronica, he said Mass and visited the sick, etc., just as he did at St. Joans.

In March of 1988 he retired from the Chaplaincy and we had the pleasure of his



company until his retirement last June. The Skokie Fire Department requested his services while he was at St. Joan's and he became their Chaplain until his retirement.

Father Matt now lives at the Resurrection Retirement Apartments on 7260 Peterson, Apt. E-303, Chicago, 60631, where he continues to say Mass and visit the sick in hospitals. Enjoy your retirement, Fr. Matt! We will miss you.



Father Matt standing in the hallway in St. Joan of Arc School (above). Fr. Matt being honored at his Farewell Mass. (right).

Father Jim's report on Sunday Mass and parish renovation

Recently Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical titled "The Lord's Day". The letter speaks of the holiness of the "Day of the Resurrection", a day not commemorated just at Easter but every Sunday. The Pope asks us to look at Sunday and rediscover its meaning for us. "Christian believers should come together, in order to commemorate the suffering, Resurrection and Glory of the Lord Jesus, by hearing God's Word and sharing in the Eucharist, and to give thanks to God who has given them new birth to a living hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

In paragraph four, he speaks of the tradition of Sunday in the world. In the past, in countries and organized societies, Sunday rest was considered a fixed part of the work schedule. "Today, however, even in those countries which give legal sanction to the festive character of Sunday, changes in socioeconomic conditions have often led to profound modifications of social behavior and hence the character of Sunday. The custom of the "weekend" has become more widespread...(par.4).

He goes on to state the need for rest and political, sporting, and social activities are of value. But when Sunday loses its funda-

mental meaning and becomes part of the weekend, then people can lose sight of what Sunday is about.

The encyclical then explains the rich Sunday tradition of the church-the Lord's Day, a day of "rest", a day to "give thanks and praise, a day of hope, a day of celebration. Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks can find their proper perspective: the material things about which we worry give way to spiritual values...(67). It briefly states that we have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, an obligation that comes from the heart, not just law. What it says at length is that we need to give God thanks and praise which goes beyond obligation. It is part of who we are as human beings.

It is timely that the encyclical came out at the time when we are preparing to enter the second stage of our own parish renewal (renovation). In the coming months, we

will be discussing what we are going to do with our church building. The renovation committee has worked over a year on the process that will lead us to the next phase of deciding what we will do with our church. They hired an architect who will do the needs assessment of the plant. The architects will speak to the people of the parish and get your input. When that is completed, they will make a recommendation to the Parish Council.

When we began this project a year ago, I wrote that it would be good to take three things into consideration as we begin to look to the future of the parish. Many believe there is a need to do something with the church building. They have expressed that since I arrived as pastor, along with renewal of the structure, we also need to look at the spiritual needs of the parish. Thirdly, we need to determine how we are going to meet the future needs of the parish. Those who have gone before us did much for us. We are doing much to build up the parish. What will we leave to those who will come after us? Those are questions we need to address as we move on.

As we begin the second stage of the

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Women's Club Spring Brunch inspiring

WOMEN'S CLUB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (1998 TO 1999)

Liturgy & Membership Breakfast	Sunday, September 13th
Golf Outing	Friday, September 18th
Progressive Dinner	Saturday, October 3rd
Christmas House Walk and Tea	Tuesday, December 15th
Blood Drive	Sunday, February 14th
Evening of Reflection	Thursday, March 4th
Dinner Dance	Friday, March 19th
Prayer Service & Annual Meeting	Monday, April 26th

WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

October 26th	Monday
December 14th	Monday
February 22nd	Monday
April 26th (Annual Meeting)	Monday



The guests at this year's Spring Luncheon were mesmerized with talk about gardens, specifically the garden within each of us, by Rev Peggy Hemphill, an Episcopal Priest. The guests were also treated to a beautiful concert performed by the St. Joan of Arc Youth Choir. Many thanks to Jo Ellen Madden and Meave Foley, who were chairs of this successful event.



Paula McDermott teaching Alexa Bolden, KEEley Barr and Mikaela McDermott in the Sunday School Program.

SJA Sunday School Program

The SJA Sunday School Program returns for another year of providing preschoolers with religious instruction while parents attend mass. This program was successfully started and run by Peg Stevens for years until Pam Fitzell ran it for 5 years and then Christy King and Sophie Littlefield took over and did a great job coordinating it for two years.

This year the program will be run by Paula Hemani and Paula McDermott. The program will start on Sunday, September 13 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and continue every Sunday at the same time until the middle of May. The two and three year

olds will meet in SJA's preschool room and the four to six year olds (Kindergartners) will meet in the school's kindergarten room.

Teachers are volunteer parents who use the "I AM SPECIAL" activity book for the four to six year olds and the cost for each child in this group is \$10.00, which includes a workbook. Volunteer parents are also needed to teach the two and three year olds and the cost for each child in this group is \$5.00 which covers supplies.

If you have any questions please call either Paula Hemani at 677-4855 or Paula McDermott at 676-0087.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:

Welcoming all college students to talk at the Thanksgiving Day Family Mass at 9 a.m. If you have any questions and/or are interested, please call Father Jim at the Rectory. The number is 673-0409.

WATCH FOR THE SURVEY:

The Project Renovation Steering Committee will be sending a survey to all parishioners. All are encouraged to respond!

News Briefs

From the Family Ministries Office, Archdiocese of Chicago: We'd like your family to join us this Fall to talk about the issues you care most about:

- Balancing family...with everything else
- How technology affects the family
- Using storytelling to talk about faith
- Understanding the culture our kids live in

Save the date: Saturday, November 21, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at Dominican University, 900 W. Division, River Forest. Co-sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and Chicago Parent Magazine. STORYTELLERS & CHILD CARE OFFERED ON-SITE. All for just \$7 per person — or \$10 per family! Call the Archdiocese of Chicago at (312) 751-8351.



The Saint Joan of Arc Faith and Health Committee are delighted to have Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of the Joint Doctor of Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago as their featured speaker on Sunday, September 27th following the 10:30 Mass in the Auditorium. The St. Joan of Arc Monday night study group that meets in the Rectory have read her book, *The World is a Prayerful Place*, and are pleased that she is coming to St. Joan's to speak on Prayer and the Book of Wisdom. If you wish to obtain a copy of the book prior to this program, please call Vi at the Rectory and she will provide you with a copy of the book. There will be a light lunch served, so please call Vi at 673-0409 and let her know you are planning to attend.



Saint Joan of Arc School F.Y.I.: The annual Wrapping Paper Sale begins on Thursday, September 17. Students will be selling a beautiful selection of wrapping paper until Thursday, October 1st. To order, ask a student you know or call Kathy Finn at 982-0949 for an order form.



SJA Women's Retreat: - January 15th to 17th at St. Mary of the Woods. Questions? Call Carol Busam at 679-7137.



St. Agnes Choir: The St. Agnes Choir will give a performance here, some time at the end of October or the beginning of November, 1998. A reception will follow in St. Joan of Arc's Auditorium. Watch for the date and time in the church bulletin or call Louise Springelmeyer at 679-8638 for more information.

The North Shore Ulster Project

The North Shore Ulster Project completed its ninth year on July 27th, when a very tearful group of Saint Joan of Arc parents and teens said goodbye to their new friends from Ulster. This summer was unique for our parish, because seven of the twelve Protestant and Catholic teens stayed with families from Saint Joan's. Many of us saw and remarked about the very large group of teens traveling in a pack up and down Foster Ave. during the month. What a month they experienced!!

When asking the teens what their favorite activity was, the answers were varied. One of the teens remarked that it would be impossible to choose, since "it was all so good". The month began with a scavenger hunt throughout downtown Evanston, and a trip to Taste of Chicago, the John Hancock Building and Michigan Avenue. Since our teens come from relatively small towns and rural areas, you can imagine what those experiences were like. During the month, they visited the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Chicago Historical Society, had an after-hours special session at the Shedd Aquarium and ended the month at Venetian Nights on Lake Michigan.

This was not just a vacation, however, for the group. While they were able to experience the thrill of Great America and Magic Waters in Rockford, the variety of foods that we have available at our local restaurants (thanks to the kindness of the owners of Merles, Tommy Nevins and Pete Millers in Evanston), and a sail boat trip on the lake, the group was here for a more important task. They were here to realize that Protestants and Catholics can

be friends, can work together, and hopefully will return to Ulster with a spirit of friendship and co-operation that was so evident during their month here in our community.

While we feel that it is important for the teens to have many fun-filled activities, we design our activity program with other significant factors involved. The teens are responsible for organizing an Ecumenical Service, which consists of readings, skits and music that they feel demonstrates their commitment to working together at home. During the month, they took part in overnights where they had small group discussions about life and the troubles in Northern Ireland, as well as issues that affect all teenagers. As all of us know, our community is not without its own problems, and the teens were able to see that first hand by working at the Inspiration Cafe, which serves meals to the homeless community in a restaurant setting. They were also involved in a service project held at Misericordia and were able to meet some of the residents and take a tour of the facility.

While it is a very active month, and one that is filled with exciting opportunities, it is not always one that is easy to say Yes! to a younger teenager. To have a new friend move in with you for a month can be a daunting experience. You have to be willing, open and have a sense of adventure, you have to be willing to take a chance. We say thank you to those teens and their families for taking on the challenge of another teenager in their home, late night hours, hefty food bills and for putting up with a pack of teens

traveling in and out of their days. Many of the teens remarked during the month that this was "the best summer of my life". We hope so! Hats off to the Hendricks, the Fords, the Fredrichs, the Meyers, the Morricks, the Sheehans, and the Woodwards and their great kids for their spirit of friendship, kindness and generosity during the month. It may seem like a small step, but nevertheless it is one that will further the cause of peace in Northern Ireland.

By: Sharon Girard

If you would like to hear more about the Ulster Project, or would be interested in getting involved, please call Sharon Girard, 679-8357.



1998 Ulster Project



Ulster Project teens at the 4th of July festivities in Central Park.

SJA Health Fair update

The Health Fair was held on April 26th at St. Joan of Arc Parish. The time was from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The fair was held in the Gymnasium. The Faith and Health Committee members organized the Health Fair under the direction of the parish nurse, Ms. Carol Miller. Ms. Maura Pandit was the coordinator.

The fair was attended by about 125 residents from the parish. Food was provided by the Admiral Retirement Home. Low fat muffins, fruit and juices were provided.

Free screenings of blood pressure and glucose monitoring checks were done by staff from Thorek Hospital. A Podiatrist from Thorek Hospital was available for consultation for any foot problems.

The Marketing Director from the Admiral Retirement Home was available with information regarding services provided by the home.

A Pharmacist from Sunscript Pharmacy was present for any questions regarding medication.

A representative from Home



Fr. Jim with a Representative from The Admiral and Bob Leydon.

Health Agency from Rush North Shore Hospital was present to answer any questions regarding their services.

Body Composition analysis and cholesterol checks were provided by the Skokie Health Department.

A Health Resource person from the Skokie Health Department was available to answer questions.

The Skokie Police Department presented its program DARE.

The Skokie Fire Department

was available to entertain and educate the children of the parish.

A Health Resource table was available with brochures on Health and Fitness.

The art of Tai Chi was demonstrated by Ms. Costellanos.

Next year's Health Fair will be on Sunday, April 18th and the Anointing of the Sick Masses will be on Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th. We are looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

By: Maura Pandit

Fr. Jim's report

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church renewal, it might be good to take time to begin reflecting on the spiritual-what Sunday means to me. Is it a day of rest and relaxation, a day of renewal, a day to give God thanks and praise? Mass attendance at St. Joan's is very good. We are above average for the archdiocese. (Recently I had to increase our host order.) Yet there are many in the parish who attend Mass occasionally or not at all. It is good to ask ourselves "Why"? Below are some comments I have heard. I am sure there are others.

"I work all week and Sunday is the only day I can relax and get anything done in my personal life". True. We as a nation are probably spending more time at work than we have in the past. Many people in our parish work long hours and Sunday is the only day to relax.

"The Mass is boring". Possibly true. Mass is routine. Every Sunday we basically say the same prayers in the same order. The readings are different each week, but we do repeat them every three years. There is something that says routine is good. Most of us, if we take a moment, like things to be stable. We don't like a lot of

change. We, however, need to ask ourselves what we bring to Mass. We bring our joys, hopes, sorrows, tears and laughter to the Lord. We look around at our neighbor and see that we have much in common. We come together so that we may give thanks and praise.

"I don't feel welcome". Sometimes true. This is probably the most difficult to address. The church (the people of God/us) has not always been a welcoming community. Many feel the church is geared to families or to a particular group. In many situations that is true. But how do we welcome the single, widowed, divorced, children...? Sometimes "Father", "Sister", "Brother", said something to us that was hurtful. All of us need to seek reconciliation from time to time. We are an imperfect people living in an imperfect world.

There are probably many reasons for not attending Mass on a regular basis. The above just scratches the surface. The question is, how do we "celebrate Sunday"? As we continue our building renovation and renewal, may we keep the Lord in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts so that we may give God thanks and praise.

Meet some SJA families

OUR BIOGRAPHY STORIES IN THIS ISSUE OF THE LANCE FEATURES THE "SECOND GENERATION", THAT IS, FAMILIES WHO GREW UP IN ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH AND HAVE HAPPILY CHOSEN TO COME BACK AND SETTLE IN WITH THEIR OWN FAMILIES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, AS YOU WILL SEE, WE EVEN HAVE A COUPLE OF "THIRD GENERATION" FAMILIES. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THEM ALL AND APPLAUD THEIR DECISION TO BECOME PART OF OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

DEE DEE MALONEY

Dee Dee's grandparents, Edith and Bill Lyman moved into 9419 Lawndale in 1950 and 3 years later her parents bought a house across the street at 9444. When her grandmother died in 1976, Dee Dee moved into 9419 Lawndale with her husband and 1 year-old Molly. Her three brothers, Tony, Bill, and Michael, all went to St. Joan's and Dee Dee was in our very first kindergarten class. On the 1st Sunday that St. Joan's had Mass, her brother, Michael, rode his tricycle down the street, from side to side, with all the cars behind him. Molly, Jenny, Peter, Bridget and Becky all were in pre-school, kindergarten and 8 years at St. Joan's. Those were happy years, but she says their lives fell apart on June 12, 1997 when beloved Peter was killed. She doesn't think any of them would have survived without the love, the sympathy and yes, the food that the St. Joan family provided. Her new home is on Ridgeway, and she's still selling real estate for Coldwell Banker.

CAROL BUSAM EDELSTEIN

Carol and husband, Marv, were married at St. Joan of Arc in 1994 and live in New England Village where Carol has owned her home since 1982. Her parents, Len and Lucille Busam moved to Springfield Avenue from Chicago in 1951 and were very involved members of St. Joan's in all its activities and Lucille still lives there. Carol's brother, Leonard, resides in Chicago. A fond memory of Carol's was helping her dad count Sunday collections (she was just a toddler) in the rectory basement with Fr. Leo Flynn! Carol is a very active and a valued member of our community, having served on the Parish Council, Adult Education Committee, Reunion Committee, Liturgy Committee and several others. Marv is in a new business venture in Computer Network Integration and Carol is helping him get established. He also serves as a big brother in the Mercy Home.

PATTI QUINN FORD

Patti and Jim Ford live at 3950 Emerson with their 4 children and she laughingly says she didn't know it would be such a short time until she returned here to live after her graduation in 1964. Her parents, Annamae and Dr. Tom, lived at Foster and Monticello with siblings, Tom, Bob, Jack and Marguerite, and A.Q. still holds forth there, especially on the 4th of July. Patti says her family will never forget the love and support shown them after the sudden death of her father just after his 50th birthday. Some of her dearest friends today were grade school pals, Cathy Moynahan, Vicki Fahey, Betsy Sheridan, Nancy Essman and she knows the same friendships will hold true for her children, Jimmy at Loyola, Caitlin just graduated, Quinn (03') and Kevin (05'), who are forming life long relationships with great kids from wonderful families. Patti is a past president of St. Joan's Women's Club and is always involved in devoting her time and talents wherever needed, as is Jim. They are both enthusiastic tennis players and enjoy a round of golf or two.

ED HARRIS

Ed and his parents, Patricia and Jim and siblings, Libby and Jim, lived on the northwest corner of East Prairie and Davis. After graduation from St. Joan's in 1980, Ed attended Loyola and then on to Marquette University where he met his bride-to-be, Angela, who is from Joliet. Married in 1989, they started out in a house in southwestern Skokie in 1991 but soon found need of something larger after the arrival of Kaitlin and 3 years later Dylan and soon after their 3rd child, Declan. Ed is a Financial Officer for Delcom Systems Group, a computer consulting firm and Angela devotes herself to being a full time Mom. They consider themselves so fortunate to have settled in at 3805 Foster and looking forward to many happy years there.

MARGIE BREDEMANN RICHMOND

Margie and husband, Todd, have had a very busy spring this year with a move to their new home at 9400 Ridgeway from Harding Avenue and the birth of baby, Grace, and couldn't be happier that everything went so well. Margie, her parents, Sally and Joe Bredemann, and brothers, Joe, Tom, John, Marty and sister, Mary Ann, lived at 9309 Ridgeway when the family moved in thirty-two years ago. She laughs, she's only a few houses away now. Margie, a graduate of John Carroll University worked in advertising but is now a full time mom, and Todd, a graduate of the University of Missouri, is in the insurance business for J. P. Flanagan in Chicago. Their 3 darling children are Ellie in 3rd grade, Jack who is entering pre-kindergarten and 3-month old Grace and all looking forward to lots of years at St. Joan of Arc School.

MICHAEL MCDERMOTT - FOUR GENERATIONS

George and "Belle" McDermott and their youngest son, Michael, moved to the community in 1950, helping to found St. Joan of Arc. Mike married Helen Revolta in 1963, in St. Joan's Chapel, the same place where his oldest brother, George, had all eight of his children baptized. The young McDermott family, including new additions, Michael J. and Kelliann, moved from Williamsburg Village to Hamlin Avenue in 1971, where Mike and Helen have resided ever since. In 1993 after graduating from law school, Mike Jr. returned to the community from California with his wife, Paula, and his daughter, Mikaela. Shortly after son, Conor, was born in 1995, they chose to move closer to SJA on Avers. Not only can Mikaela and Conor now walk the same path to school that their father once took, but they also have the great privilege of attending the church and school that their great grandmother helped found, almost fifty years ago.

ANNE GALLAGHER O'MALLEY

Even at her young age, Anne has already lived in 3 homes in St. Joan of Arc. She and husband, Dick, live at 9401 Ridgeway—really just a stone's throw away from where she grew up at 9249 Ridgeway

since 1954 with mom and dad, Isabel and Bob Gallagher, and siblings, Bob, Cissy, Laura and Katie. She says she has fond memories of playing many neighborhood games with the Wistons, Woodwards, Collins, and Schultes. Her family subsequently moved to Winnetka but after her marriage in the Spring of 1989, she and Dick moved to 9430 Lawndale as they were expecting first-born Conor. They were blessed with 2 more children, Elizabeth and Brian, and with the arrival of Brian, they relocated on Ridgeway in a larger home in 1995. She says the neighborhood and playmates are so special and just as she remembered hers way back when. Dick is in law with Sidley and Austin and are both enthusiastic golfers.

GAIL SMITH HULSE AND LINDA SMITH TUKE

Gail and husband, Rick, and 2 sons, Tom (13) and Mark (11), live on Hamlin and sister, Linda, and husband, Larry "Tuke", and daughter, Erica (8), reside in Williamsburg Village. Their parents, Ed and Marian Smith, long time St. Joan parishioners moved to Williamsburg Village in 1959 from Massachusetts and wanted to put down roots in a strong family and neighborhood environment and feel our Sisters of Mercy gave their girls a great foundation for success. Their sister, Debbie, lives minutes away on Lincoln St. Linda and Tuke own Laurence Communications, Inc., an advertising/public relations agency in Evanston and enjoy hunting, boating and car racing. Gail works part time in media relations at Laurence Communications and Rick is Managing Director of the OMNI Chicago Hotel and Office Tower on Michigan Avenue and both enjoy relaxing over a round of golf.

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DAVID WHEELER

Don and Sally Wheeler, Sr. have lived at 9505 Harding for 30 years, where they raised their 3 sons and daughter. All the Wheeler boys are avid golfers and lovely mom, Sally, modelled at many St. Joan of Arc luncheons. Don, Jr and Janice have

lived at 9415 Ridgeway for eleven years with Elizabeth and Katie in school and Donnie rarin' to go, we hear. Dave and wife, Erin, reside on Keystone in Skokie and Richard, who has 4 children, lives on Church Street in Skokie, also Cindy Wheeler and husband, Don Frer just moved in on Ridgeway. We are happy to have them all.

CATHY CRISHAM KIM

Cathy Crisham Kim ('80) and her husband, Young Kim, moved to St. Joan of Arc from Chicago in 1994. After exploring many areas of the city and suburbs in advance of their move, Cathy and Young could find no neighborhood that compared to St. Joan of Arc. Cathy's parents, Tom and Kitty Crisham, have been parishioners for 28 years and live at 9411 Avers and their black lab, Riley, for 9. Cathy's sisters are also close by. Megan ('82) lives in southeast Evanston and Maura ('84) is in Ravenswood. Cathy is a partner with the Chicago law firm of Bates Meckler Bulger & Tilson and Young is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division. Cathy and Young live in Williamsburg Village, but count St. Bart's in the Caribbean as one of their favorite destinations.

JOAN CORBOY EPSTEIN

Joan has lived in three different houses in the parish. She and her husband, Jim, presently reside at 9532 Hamlin with their 2 children, Matthew and Nora. Her parents, Dorie and Phil Corboy arrived in St. Joan's in 1954 and built at 9357 Harding and then in 1963 the family, including brothers Flip, John, Tom and Bobby moved to 9519 Monticello. After graduation from Boston College University and Northwestern School of Law, where she met Jim, they married in 1979. Joan's family returned to St. Joan's in 1985 and in 1986 began her present career as a Circuit Court Judge at the Skokie Courthouse. Jim has his own trial law firm, Epstein, Zaideman and Esrig in Chicago and Matthew and Nora attend Baker Demonstration School. In the fall, she will be joining the Advisory Board of the Neuro-Behavioral Center of Rush North Shore.

BILL FRIEDRICK

What did Thomas Wolfe know anyway? "You can always go home again". Bill and Barb live on Monticello and proudly say no other area had the feeling of community and democracy as St. Joan's and joie de vivre that insinuates itself through the parish. Their children, Alex, Christian and Kate, feel they are experiencing a broad and diverse education and that St. Joan's is a touchstone for active involvement and great family relationships. Bill's parents, Bea and Lou Friedrich, moved to Drake Avenue in 1948 and Lou, Bill, Jean and Greg all attended St. Joan's. Bea says you could see all the way to Niles Center from her screened porch then. A small cohort led by Fr. Galvin, began attending and saying mass respectively in the former rectory on the southeast corner of Drake and Lyons. This was the wellspring of SJA Church and Grammar School.

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The twins: SJA & St. Agnes

The Archdiocese's plan to pair parishes to further communication and Christian brotherhood began about twelve years ago. We were "twinned" with Blessed Agnes (now St. Agnes). Over the course of this time, we have had unique opportunities for many meaningful cultural exchanges.

As many of you already know, St. Agnes is a large and vital parish located at 26th Street and Central Park in the heart of a predominantly Hispanic area of Chicago known as "La Villita" (the Little Village). Sue and Phil Zera and Peg and Joe Stevens were the first members on the committee from St. Joan's. Joe and Grace Mendoza and Lee and Raque Handy were their counterparts at St. Agnes.

In the past, we have supplied donations of both food and money throughout the year, hosted a roller skating party at the Playdium in Glenview, and chosen needy families' names from the "Giving Tree" so that they, too, would have a merry Christmas.

The parishioners at St. Agnes have truly appreciated our generosity (many of you have heard this from Joe Mendoza himself, now a deacon, when he has come to speak at our Masses). In return, one of the many choirs from St. Agnes comes in the fall to sing at our Masses, we've been invited to their Independence Day Parade in September, members of St. Agnes have prepared typical Mexican foods for us to sample both at our church and theirs, and we are always invited down on December 12th, each year, for the beautiful "Mass of the Roses" in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Many parishioners from our church have been involved on the committee. Tom and I joined the Zeras and the Stevens two years after the committee began. Our "regulars" (and I KNOW I will forget someone so I'll apologize now) were Donna Orf, Jack and Sylvia Robinson, Joe Gleason, Dr. and Rosa Cases, Mary Kosmala (who does a fantastic job at organizing the "Giving Tree" project),

Rosalie Trovato, Carol Busam, George and Marysia Zajackowski, Alan and Daisy Ferguson, Fred Walters, and Diane Krier-Morrow (known as the "Bear Lady" because she always got bears with slight defects donated from The Bear Co. to send to the children at Christmas). The Women's Club and PSO have also helped in funding light refreshments, etc. for some of our activities.

I think the funniest story we have to tell was one year when Fred Walters, dressed as Santa, drove the Zera truck down to St. Agnes loaded with the Christmas gifts. Near 26th and California, he was pulled over by the police. There had been an actual robbery reported of stolen gifts by a man wearing a Santa suit! Fred sure had some explaining to do! We thought we had lost our driver for future trips!

Another interesting story you may want to consider before you sign up to be a part of this committee is the following: Sue Zera, Peg Stevens and I all had sons in



Phil Zera and Jerry Orf loading the truck. Phil provides the truck, loads the truck and drives the truck along with Jerry Orf.

our 40's after joining the committee. To this day, it is blamed on the tamales we all had eaten at St. Agnes! (This IS true, honest!)

We've all heard that it is better to give than to receive. Being part of this committee has really made me a believer in this saying. I have made many new friends and met many wonderful people. I consider the Mendozas as family. When we had the ice storm this past January, Grace called me to

see if we were all okay when she had heard about it on the news. You don't have to speak Spanish to participate but if you know some Spanish and/or something about the culture, it helps. If you have any questions, would like more information, or have some time to help out, just contact the Rectory, me or one of the people mentioned above. Hasta pronto!

by: Louise Sprengelmeyer

Remembrances of St. Joan of Arc

By George Schaefer and Gene Schaefer Flynn

The summer of 1953...the apprehension and excitement of our move from St. Athanasius parish to our new home at 9300 Ridgeway.

Our journey back to St. A's for the 1953-54 school year because St. Joan's had only 1st through 3rd grade...going to and from school on the beloved "Skokie Bus" that ran from Foster and Ridgeway to Greenbay and Central Street...the patience of Jim, the driver.

George, starting 5th grade at St. Joan's in 1954...having Sister Norella as his teacher and principal for the next 4 years...renewing

the friendship with Sister at the 1997 SJA reunion and corresponding with her since.

Attending Sunday mass in the gym at College Hill School and weekday mass in the basement of the rectory which was then on Lyons...the thrill of finally getting our new church...our dad raising monies for a church organ.

Gene's "Sunday Sitter Service", in one of the school classrooms, so young couples could attend mass together.

Riding horses through the open fields just south of Church St. now the site of Timber Ridge, town homes and the Seven

Eleven.

The joy of 2 weddings; Gene's & Jack's in 1964, and our mom's and step-dad's, John Haas, in 1965...the comfort of community at 5 family funerals...and the celebration of 6 SJA graduations; George '58 and his children, Anje '89, George III '91, Mary Eileen '94, Bob '95, and Gene's son, John '79.

Ah, yes, we remember it well...with thankfulness for our parents who brought up into such a unique and nurturing community and appreciation for our spouses, Cookie and Jack, for their willingness to return with us.

Families

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JIM WOODWARD & MARDI GILL WOODWARD & GARRY

Jim and Garry Woodward moved to 9235 Ridgeway in 1954 with their parents, Laurene and Jim, and younger sister "Tic", to be joined 2 years later by sister, JoAnne. At the same time in 1956, Mary and Jim Gill moved into 9412 Springfield with their 3 girls, Mardi, Karen and Ellen and son, Jim, to be joined a year later with the arrival of sister, Veronica. All the Gill and Woodward children graduated from SJA but around college years time, it became evident something was going on between Mardi G and Garry W. In 1967, they were married in St. Joan's by Rev. Leo Flynn, and when the senior Woodwards moved farther north, Mardi and Garry moved into the family home on Ridgeway with their 2 children Gavin and Shannon for a temporary stay. After Louisville, Ky. and Lake Forest, they returned here for good in 1975 and into 3820 Foster - also with new baby Garrett. And in 1984, moved to their present home on Hamlin Ave. with their last child, Casey. Daughter Shannon was married at St. Joan's and she and husband, Joe Haughey, registered

Tommy for pre-school and little Grace not far behind. Garry, Mardi and Jim are very active and faithful SJA supporters and real community boosters. Jim Woodward has been at 9545 Ridgeway since 1983 - a beautiful home featured in one of St. Joan's recent house walks. Jim is an avid supporter of John Carroll University and a valued member of the naval reserve with a real enthusiasm for anything concerning golf.

SOLITA PANDIT MURPHY

Solita, her parents, Jay and Maura Pandit, and brother, Shawn moved into their home at 9512 Avers in 1968. They both attended St. Joan of Arc School and developed long lasting friendships. They say it was a magical childhood filled with hours in Central Park, even ice skating there when the Village provided the rink near the park house. Solita and Gene were married in 1994 and after looking all over the western and northern suburbs were thrilled to find just what they wanted at 9332 Lawndale. Gene, an avid golfer, is a partner in Quinlan and Crisham and Solita is an assistant states attorney for Cook County in the felony trial division.

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BAPTISMS: A pre-Baptism session is required. Call the Rectory to arrange a date. Baptisms are usually scheduled on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4:45-5:15 pm Saturdays

PARISH REGISTRATION: All new parishioners are invited to our parish community. A simple telephone call to the Rectory will have Vi send you a census form for completion and you will be listed in the next parish directory and on the list for all parish mailings, including this newsletter.

MARRIAGES: According to Archdiocesan guidelines, arrangements are to be made at least four (4) months in advance. Simply call the Rectory to arrange a pre-nuptial meeting with one of our priests.

SICK CALLS: Again, call the Rectory. Ministers of Care visit the sick and bring communion. Hospital visits will be made in addition to the services provided by the Hospital Chaplain.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FAITH: Anyone interested in information about the Roman Catholic faith is invited to call the Rectory.

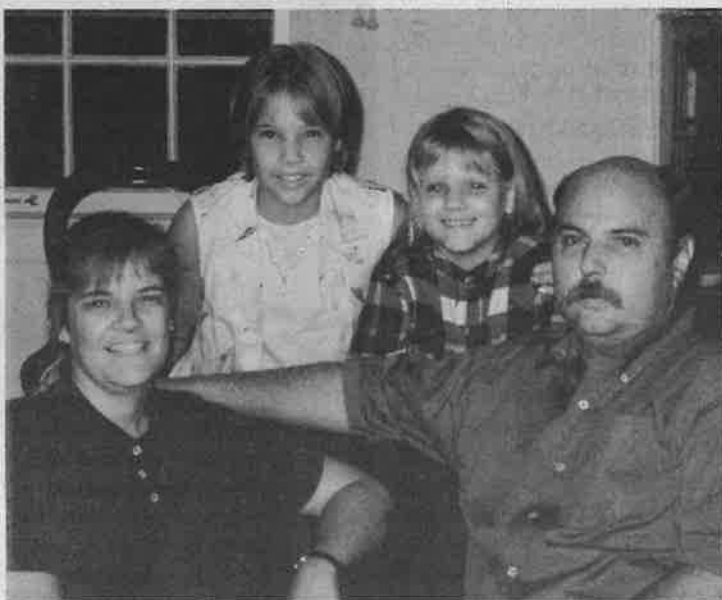
SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Contact the school or the Rectory. Children of parishioners are given a priority status if the allotted size is reached. Waiting lists will be maintained by the Principal.

Carnival a big success

This year's carnival, a big fund-raiser for the school, brought in over \$20,000.00 for the school and parish. This event is a fun time for the whole family and with help from the Skokie Police Department and the Parent Patrol a safe event as well. Chairpersons' Chip and Tracy Butzko did an outstanding job organizing this year's event and when they're not planning carnivals for '98 and '99, they're full time parents of SJA students and run full time careers as well as volunteering for SJA and other community activities.

Chip, Tracy, Danielle(6th grade) and Mersadies(2nd grade), have lived in Evanston for twelve years and moved just last June on to Central Park. Chip is a graphic designer with Ineman Associates in downtown Chicago. Last year he was on the Athletic Board at SJA School and this year joined SJA's School Board. He has also conducted internet classes at SJA Parish and maintained the Mac Lab M Library.

Tracy is the Publisher/Vice-President of New Sales Products for The Dartnell Corporation in the Ravenswood neighborhood in Chicago. She is also a volunteer with the Girl Scouts U.S.A. serving as the Co-Service Unit Manager. As Tracy explains, "This means I lead the leaders and serve as liaison between our local Girl Scout Council and the Evanston troops. Dani (Danielle) plays



Tracy, Dani, Sadi and Chip Butzko.

volleyball, basketball, the flute and not surprisingly is a Girl Scout. Sadie(Mersadies) their youngest, plays basketball is also in Girl Scouts (as a Brownie) and to quote her parents, "well ... Sadie is Sadie".

It seems like a long time before next year's carnival but before you know it we'll be purchasing Mega Passes for such rides as the Tilt-A-Whirl, Pharoah's Fury, the Kiddie Rides, Super Slide and enjoying good food and games as well. I can smell the cotton candy already.



Chris Napatal enjoying the Bumper Cars ride at the Carnival.

St. Joan of Arc school news

In the last three years, the enrollment at St. Joan of Arc has increased by forty students. As the school doors opened to the 1998-1999 school year, both the kindergarten class and fourth grade class were filled. St. Joan's now has two classrooms of Grade 2 and two classrooms of Grade 3. In most of the other classes the grade sizes range between 18 and 22 students.

The school year also began as the Phase II of the technology plan was completed. As of this school year, the computer room and all of the classrooms on the second floor are wired with cable and phone lines for Internet access and have new computers for the students to use. Using part of the money from last year's Dinner Dance Progressive Auction, the school purchased nine new computers. St. Joan's also hired a full-time computer resource teacher to work with the students and the teachers. Our goal is to move beyond the "45 minute computer class" and make technology a part of the students' daily life.

The faculty will implement a new Science and new Social Studies curriculum this year. Last year the staff worked to rewrite both of those curriculums and choose the

textbooks that would best help implement that curriculum. The revised Math curriculum allows students in the Junior High to finish Algebra before they graduate from St. Joan's.

During the 1998-1999 school year students in Grades K-3 will begin to take Spanish. With an excellent Spanish program in grades 4-8, the school will begin to expand this program. Students in the lower grades will each receive one quarter of Spanish each year.

The Art, Music, Physical Education and Sports Program continue to be strong. Mrs. Singer's art students will again have projects and paintings displayed throughout the school and in the community. All of the SJA community looks forward to both the Christmas and Spring Music Programs to see how Mrs. Palumbo can improve on such crowd-pleasing performances last year. Mr. Todd Roth will expand the P.E. curriculum by teaching health to students in Grades 4-8. Both the football and volleyball teams of St. Joan's began the season with new coaches. Hopefully you have been reading about their winning seasons in the bulletin.

The school board continues its

work on refining the process by which scholarship money is distributed. Families in need now apply for tuition assistance through a neutral third party organization. This organization then makes recommendations to the school on how to award the scholarship money.

The PSO continues finding new and exciting fund-raisers. The school's Book Fair will be held at Barnes and Noble this year. Added to Breakfast with Santa will be the Gingerbread Shop. The PSO also hopes to kick-off a Magazine Renewal Program where families can renew their magazine subscriptions through the school. This program allows the school to receive a percentage of the renewal price.

As the school continues to grow and meet the academic needs of the students of St. Joan's, I once again have to say thank you to all those parishioners who support the school by volunteering their time and their talent, and for those who support us financially through their weekly offering, the Blue and Gold, and the Scholarship Fund.

Michael Kaltenberg
Principal

Parish Pastoral Council Update

The St. Joan of Arc Pastoral Council met on June 18, 1998 and the following are some notes taken by Diane Krier-Morrow from that meeting.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Jim Barrett reported that Fr. Tom O'Halloran moved into the Rectory today, until the end of July. He will be saying the 7:00 a.m. weekday Masses and Jesuit's will be saying the 8:00 a.m. Masses during his vacation. He is leaving Saturday, June 20 and will return on Wednesday, July 1st.

He announced that the Personnel Board unanimously approved our resident opening on an Archdiocesan list. Because of Fr. Matt's retirement, a number of parishioners have mentioned to him about changing the Mass schedule.

Fr. Barrett thought for the time being to keep the current schedule; about 20 people attend 7:00 a.m. Mass weekdays and about 30 people attend 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will discuss again in the Fall, when Fr. Barrett will know if we have any interest from a priest to take up residence in the parish.

Financial Status: The parish is doing well financially. The proceeds from the parish carnival are expected to be over \$20,000.00; not all bills in yet. He reported that we are moving all accounts from First Chicago to the Evanston Bank and Trust on

Benson across from the Davis Street El. We have opened a credit card account, whereby parents can charge their entire tuition, foregoing the 2% discount, on a credit card that St. Joan's has that charges 2.5% interest. If sufficient funds are collected this way, they can be transferred to the money market account which receives 5%.

Project Renovation: Fr. Jim reported that the Archdiocese delayed the contract to the chosen architectural firm, Jaeger, Mickola & Associates, Ltd of Park Ridge, that the Steering Committee selected for the Phase I Needs Assessment of the entire parish grounds and buildings.

The steering committee is chaired by Frank McCabe and members include Tim Desmond, an architect, Steve Fitzell, Bob Leydon, Michael Morrow, Jerry Orf and Mardi Woodward. When they met to review the documents prepared downtown, it was discovered that the contract had missing pages and then did not completely reflect the final discussions with the chosen firm.

The Steering Committee is meeting on July 1st to finalize issues. They have asked that a letter of intent be prepared and signed, so that work can begin

this summer while the school building is empty. They can begin with their preliminary survey before Town Hall meetings are scheduled in the Fall. The Parish Pastoral Council agreed that this would be the best way to proceed due to the unplanned delay.

The Parish Pastoral Council will ask the Steering Committee to list out a timeline and goals for the Phase I Needs Assessment and provide to the PPC early in August for discussion at the August 20th meeting. Hopefully, this can be drafted in July and subject to further revision depending on the initial work with the architectural firm.

Convenor's Report: Bob Phillips provided the calendar dates for future PPC meetings on the third Thursday of the following months at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory: August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, 1998; January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, August 19, September 16, October 21, and November 18, 1999. April 4, 1999 is Easter (daylight savings time weekend); May 16, 1999 is selection of new PPC for two Commissions, Human Concerns and Parish Life, May 20, 1999 is the gathering to say farewell to retiring PPC members, Bob Phillips, Peggy Jost and Agnes O'Grady and to welcome three new PPC members.

Bob further suggested that possibly individual Commissions—Spiritual Life, Catholic Education, Human Concerns, and Parish Life—could hold meetings every other month and PPC meetings scheduled bi-monthly. It was decided that PPC meetings would definitely be held on August 20, and September 17, and this suggestion would be further discussed.

Bob Phillips mentioned the Archdiocesan audiotaped trainings for the new members. It was suggested that the tape be shown in two, rather than four, sessions. Possibly these sessions will be scheduled on Saturday mornings. This will be arranged before the August 20 meeting.

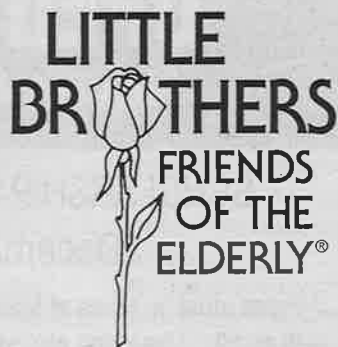
Commitment Sunday and Listening Sunday and Goals will be discussed at the August and September meetings. Positions will be filled for Convenor, Secretary and Communications/Public Relations.

F.Y.I. The following is a list of Parish Pastoral Council Members and their year end date: Fr. Jim, Mark Hechinger (2001), Gail Hulse (2000), Peggy Jost (1999), Diane Krier-Morrow (2000), Fran Moskal (2001), Agnes O'Grady (1999), Bob Phillips, Convenor (1999), Kathy Sawa (2001), and George Schaefer (2000).

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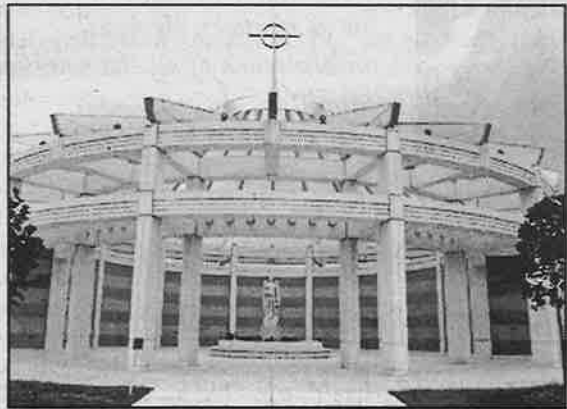


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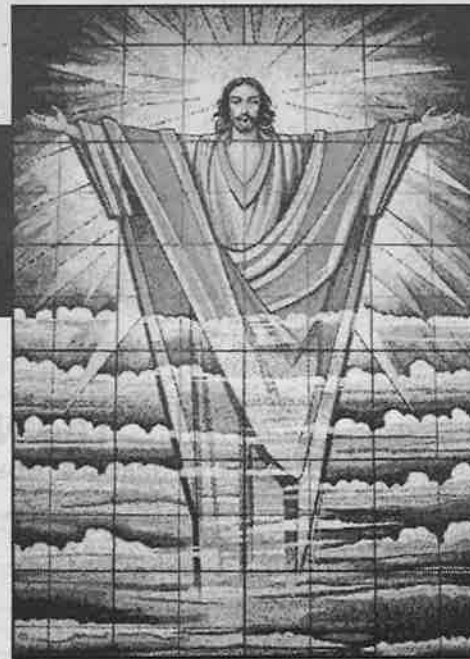


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