

VOX VICTORIAE





Lent, that time to change, is here. God calls us every moment, and yet, we turn away. That little bit of sacrifice required to change is so difficult. He calls us, He stops us. He wants us. Why can't we hear Him?

Sacrifice is what is needed. To give up just a little bit of ourselves. This lent that is what is needed -- sacrifice. Maybe, a few moments each day just to find out who we are, to learn how to give something of ourselves.

God gives so much to us. We give so little to God. Maybe we should start with a little mortification this Lent. Some pleasure we want and feel we have a right to enjoy. Just give it up. Some food or drink we desire, let it go.

What is important in your life? Today, ask yourself that question and seek an answer. It may surprise you to find that God has not really been a part of your life. Now is the time to change. This is the time that Lent begins, the time of reconciliation.

Where is your courage? Your strength to sacrifice? Hear His call -- heed His invitation. Can you change your life and make God the center. Yes, it requires mortification. Maybe just the old practice of abstaining from meat on Friday - faithfully - will be a good Lenten resolution.

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THE NEW CHURCH -- We will try to finalize the plans for the new church at the February Parish Council Meeting. All the final details have been accomplished and we are to have the complete plans this month. Later in the month the parish will have the opportunity to view them.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

LENTEN SERIES

Thursday evening, February 16, 1978

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC?

Is being Catholic being Christian?
Vatican II has changed so much, are we
still Catholics? What must a Catholic do?

Speaker: Rev. Richard Sweeney

Thursday evening, February 23, 1978

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES ABOUT WORSHIP?

How should a Catholic attend Mass?

Speaker: Rev. William Drain

Thursday evening, March 2, 1978

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES ABOUT MORALITY?

Is there such a thing as sin?

Speaker: Rev. James Walsh

Thursday evening, March 9, 1978

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES ABOUT SCRIPTURE?

How can the Bible become a part of my life?
Is the Bible only a place to record baptisms
and marriages?

Speaker: Rev. Mr. William Kelley

Thursday evening, March 16, 1978

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES ABOUT THE CHURCH?

What do you mean: we are the Church?

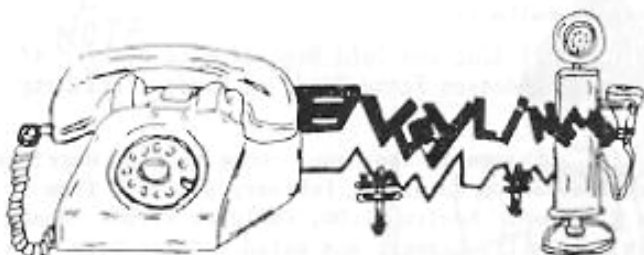
Speaker: Rev. Richard Sweeney

All the programs will start at 7:00 P.M. with
Mass in the Church and then the lecture will
begin at 7:45 P.M. in the Cafeteria.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

**HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
BEEN ASKING DURING THE PAST YEAR.**

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Bill Bauer made the 'Dean's List' at U.C. with a 3.85 average. Bill is majoring in psychology.

Youth Club is moving right along in spite of all the cold weather. Look further in Vox for all their activities and officers.

'Our apologies to Dan Haley. He was omitted from Elder's Honor Society List. Sorry, Dan.

George Meinhardt has been selected as Sales Associate of the Year of both the Cincinnati Board of Realtors and Ohio Association of Realtors. George and his wife Mary have seven children and have lived in Our Lady of Victory for 18 years.

Congratulations to the eight OLV Cadette Girl Scouts who received the Marian Award. The presentations were made Sunday, January 22, in ceremonies at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. The Marian Award is the highest Catholic award in Girl Scouting, and is sponsored through the Catholic Youth Organization. The eight OLV seventh and eighth graders have worked for over a year in a variety of activities designed to give them a greater awareness of themselves in relation to family, church, friends, and Mary. They have given over 240 hours of service to their parish as babysitters during the 10:30 Mass, at a Turtle Derby booth, and at the Rosary Rally. They worked at the University of Cincinnati Recycling Center, made Rosaries for the missions, toured the Mt. St. Joseph Motherhouse, and planned a home Mass. They also visited non-Catholic churches in the area, studied the Bible, made a retreat at Fort Scott, plus other projects. The honored Girl Scouts are Melissa Fries, Patty Harmeling, Carol Hentz, Mary Beth Heringer, Susan Huber, Renee Laib,

Kathy Lambers, and Linda McMillan. Mrs. Charles Heringer was their consultant.

OLV Cub Pack 909 Blue and Gold Banquet will be held at the Farm, 239 Anderson Ferry Road, on Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 P.M.

Looking for a change in the Menu? Come to C.O. Harrison Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 11, 1978 from 4:30 to 8:00 P.M. Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00. Menu includes splahetti, dessert and salad. Carry Outs available.

Congratualtions to Bob Auberger who was the top salesman for Wilson Realty in the Price Hill Office.

Looking forward to more news on OLV Festival. Keep the news coming.

When the big thaw comes be sure to get the news to me Pat Emmett, 536 Morrue Drive, 922-8287.



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February -- traditionally the month of hearts.
So let's all think L.O.V.!
Look over the snow and the slush, and beyond
the salt and the mud! L.O.V. has a bright
future!

March 15, 8 pm - next meeting, featuring
a speaker from the Rape Crisis Center.

April 15 - be a brave soul, take our
"Mystery Trip". A day to get away for
a while!

May 17th, 8 pm - elections meeting

Special Item:

The ideas abound, the energy is there and
with all systems go L.O.V. is planning
"To Christmas With L.O.V." boutique to be
held next fall for the benefit of OLV. Any-
one interested in helping can watch for
further information.

"250" CLUB

There have been many inquiries into the 250 Club; what it is, what it does, how it works, etc. This brief note is designed to give you an insight into the club and its function.

250 CLUB PURPOSE

Every year the Athletic Association works with nearly 1200 children in many sports. Obviously the costs are considerable in both time and money. The "250 Club" was organized several years ago to help defray the cost of field maintenance. Each year new top soil is purchased to rebuild the baseball diamonds, lime is purchased for marking the fields. Last year a new tractor was purchased. In short all of the money collected is poured back into maintaining the field conditions at Our Lady of Victory. What do you get out of it? Each month there is a drawing for all current members. There are 4 cash prizes awarded each month. 1st - \$100.00; 2nd - \$75.00; 3rd - \$50.00; and 4th - \$25.00. At years end there is a membership dinner dance. Each active member is invited (free of charge) and is permitted one guest (cost \$7.00). At this dance there is \$1200.00 in additional cash prizes awarded.

How do I become a member? Simply contact any member of the Athletic Association and tell him of your desire to join the "250 Club", or call Jim Schaiper 451-1672. The cost of an annual membership is \$50.00. This can be paid each month, (\$4.00 per month, or semi-annually, (\$25.00 in March - \$25.00 in September) or pay it off in one lump sum (\$50.00 in March).

When you join you will be given a membership card with your name and 250 Club member on it and a book that will enable you to keep track of your payments.

There are only 250 members in this club. Once all the numbers have been filled, you will be put on a list that will enable you to become a member as the openings become available.



VOX ?????? BOX

Why are the baby-sitting service and pre-school CCD Program scheduled during the 10:30 Mass? Due to the popularity of this Mass and subsequent parking problems, wouldn't it be better to schedule one or both of these programs at a different Mass?

District 6

Betty Zureick replies: When the baby-sitting service was coordinated, the 10:30 Mass was chosen because of the desire to accommodate the greatest number of parishioners. The pre-school program was scheduled for the same reason. When the program is planned for next year, the above question will be taken into consideration, as will any suggestions to improve the quality of these programs.

Will the pre-school program continue as is when the new church is finished?

District 6

Mr. Sweeney replies: I see no reason why it would not continue, depending, of course, on the interest of parents and cooperation of CCD teachers.

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Will the parishioner from District 4 please call for an appointment. Fr. Gruber or Mr. Sweeney will be happy to discuss your personal problems, as outlined in your letter to the Vox Box. Thank you.

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Parish COUNCIL REPORT



The Parish Council meeting of December was held Wednesday evening, December 14, in the church. It began with Evensong and included the installation of newly elected officers of the parish council and all commissions. Jack Marx was installed as president for the 1978 term and Mark Hutzler as vice-president. A big "Thank You" to Jim Weber as past-president for a job well done and also to the retiring members, Bob Auberger and Paul Uhlenbrock.

The January meeting included a progress report on the new church by Father Gruber. He reported that \$400,000 has been collected through the pledges to date with \$100,000 still outstanding in pledges. The building fund committee will be contacting delinquent pledges to finalize the project.

Also on the agenda was the topic of entrance and exits to Neeb Road. Final decisions have not been made at this time but more information will be available by the next meeting.

Discussion was also held on an improved method of parish elections. A committee has been appointed to resolve the problem by activating more interest by all parishioners.

The next parish council meeting will be held February 15, Wednesday, at 7:45 P.M. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

The agenda will include information about a Parish Festival, the plans for the new church, and changing the Mass schedule on Sundays.

Ethel Pohlman,
Reporter

the praying mantis says



"Prayer," said St Theresa, "is nothing but a friendly conversation with Him whom we know loves us."

Conversations are exchanges. At one level there is the exchange of words as people talk with one another. But conversations can quickly grow beyond this level of simply exchanging words. At deeper levels there is an exchange of lives and a sharing of presence with one another.

When the question of prayer arises we tend to think of repeating the words of this prayer or that prayer. We may get lost in the words and never come to grips with the real conversation.

The answer is to reflect on God's presence and his initiative. Simply to take prayer forms and build them up in a search to find God can become very frustrating. The first step is to realize that God has first loved us and that we have already been initiated into his presence. This brings us directly to St Theresa's understanding of prayer—a friendly conversation with God.

In daily life we are conscious of the many people with whom we talk and among whom we live. If we keep ourselves closed up, these people come and go without ever becoming really present to us. But if we open ourselves to others we discover something about ourselves. We too come alive.

This is how it should be with the presence of Christ in the liturgy and in the life of the church. Christ initiates his presence in love. He is there to touch our lives. If we surrender to his presence and open ourselves we can discover that He is alive, and through Him we are alive again.

It is at this point that the question of prayer can be approached. For it is at this point that we can see the possibility of more than mere words and formulas. The person of Christ is encountered and a conversation develops.

We begin to pray when we begin to talk to God through Christ in a person-to-person encounter. Prayer blossoms forth from the discovery of Christ's presence in that community of believers into which we have been initiated through baptism.

Christ is uniquely present in the liturgy when the faithful gather to celebrate the memorial of his death and resurrection. He is present in those gathered, in the Word proclaimed, in the person of the priest presiding, and in the sacrament of his body and blood.

Because personal relationships vary as much as the persons who form them the experience of the Lord in prayer is unique for each individual. As each of us learns to pray it is good first to experience the church at prayer in the liturgy and then to be ourselves in prayer.

It is good to use the words and formulas handed down to us by those through whom Christ has become present to us. Then, however, we must grow beyond the words handed down and begin to talk with Christ as one talks with a friend. Jesus himself said, 'I have not called you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends for all that I have heard from my father I have made known to you' (John 15:15).

As we pray in this way we grow. As we reflect on God loving us we discover ourselves. Our strengths, our weaknesses, our joys, our pains and sorrows take on new meaning. Through his death and resurrection Christ made himself present to us. Through the acknowledgment of our weaknesses and sufferings we can discover how much God is

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REVERSED
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present to us and how much we can be present to one another.

Prayer has the power of bringing us not only into conversation with God but also into new caring relationships with our neighbor. In discovering God and ourselves: in prayer we discover also the many other persons in our lives--those with whom we talk and among whom we live from day to day.

In discovering them as persons fully present and fully alive we ourselves continue to live as new people continually strengthened by friendly and frequent conversations with Him who we know loves us.



'My God, they've found out!'

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

There will be a Youth Club Meeting tonight, February 5, at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria. All high school students are invited to come.

The election results of December 4 Youth Club meeting are:

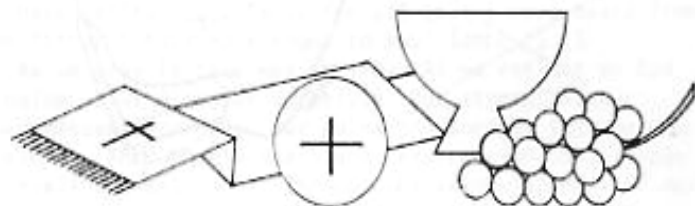
President: Paul Imhoff
Vice-President: Jerry Handorf
Treasurer: Alice Faeth
Secretary: Mary Jo Krems

The president and vice-president of the five committees were chosen by the four officers. They are president, vice-president:

Athletic: Jenny Soldano, Lisa Lichtenfeld
Community: Ed Faeth, Denise Bischoff
Cultural: Sue Brucato, Andie Brackmann
Social: Mike Ritzi, Dee Ditanto
Spiritual: Marie Soldano, Lorraine Wendling

The Youth Club is participating in a program in which receipts, proofs of purchase and labels are saved. These add up to points which may make us eligible to receive a cash award. Please help by saving any of the following and turn it in at any meeting or in the box in the vestibule of church: Arby's, Kroger's, LaRosa's and Van Leunen's receipts, L'eggs container bands, and Sunkist orange and lemon skins marked Sunkist.

On Sunday, February 12, at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria, there will be a Gong Show. There will be a small admission price for adults and children. All are welcome to attend. All high school students are welcome to perform. So get your friends and get your act together. No talent is required, just a good imagination. Any one who has an act and wants to perform is asked to contact either Mike Ritzi at 922-4199 or Joe Ditanto at 451-4568.



ATHLETES' FEATS



from the president's desk

We have a few jobs open. Anyone interested in the following please contact me at 922-3889.

- Football co-ordinator
- GWAC co-ordinator
- GWAC coaches and managers
- Track coaches
- Girls' softball co-ordinator

We welcome all in the parish to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at our Athletic meeting. Meet the people who organize the sports program for your children. Come and show them you support their efforts.

There are some openings now available in our 250 club. Here's a chance to win some extra cash while helping support and improve our fields or play. Call Jim Shaiper at 451-1672 if interested in becoming a member. Our 250 Club Dance is February 18.

Thanks for your help,
Jim Green

athletic club meeting - january 4, 1978

Charlie Harpring opened the meeting with a prayer. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Bill Thornton, seconded by Jim Herricks and passed. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob Birri, seconded by Frank Kerley and passed.

New faces at the meeting were John Curl, Mark Scheper, and Terry Lyons.

Committee Reports:

Baseball- Bob Birri Stocked managers will be picked by the board for number 1 and 2 teams for all classes. These managers will rotate each year between first and second team.

Soccer - Bill Thornton Bill is resigning as Soccer Coordinator. He will be replaced by Frank Kerley. Our Lady of Lourdes will have a Wassa Board Meeting, Jan 23. Bill and Frank will represent OLV at this meeting.

Mixed Couple Volleyball - Jim Mahon Everything going well. Dance will be March 18.

Mixed Couple Softball - Dennis Madox New shirts this year for teams. Sign ups will be April 1.

Football - Jim Hericks Jim is resigning as football coordinator. We are in need of one. Anyone interested, contact Jim Green. Also Joyce O'Neil resigning as GWAC coordinator. Anyone interested in this position contact Jim.

The \$14,00 for gym floor, \$700 for lights, \$1900 for cabinets was financed by the Athletic Association 250 Club.

Chuck Siefke made a motion to draw up a list for further improvements made by the Athletic Association, seconded by Frank Kerley and passed. This Capital Improvement Committee will be headed by Chuck Seifke, Frank Kerley, and Ed Cappel.

250 Club: Dance will be February 18 at Trolley Tavern. Invitations are in the process of being mailed.
Drawing: \$100 - Ronald Abrams, \$75 - Lee Larsh, \$50 - R. Ruwe, Sr, \$25 - Carl Servizzi

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Vonderahe, seconded by Joe Neyer. Jim Mahon closed the meeting with a prayer.

Marilyn Kohler
Secretary

Baseball sign-ups, Knothole and Blue/Gold
2/18/78 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm in the gym.

In the last two issues of the 'Vox', we have shown you our basic philosophy and manager's guidelines (Dec)

and the make-up of our program (Jan). In this month's article we will show the cost of the baseball program, for this coming season.

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| Knothole: 15 teams - district 14 registration | \$ 292.00 |
| umpires fees - 216 games | 1,091.50 |
| equipment | 216.50 |
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| | 1,600.00 |
| Blue/Gold: 12 teams - umpires 72 games | 288.00 |
| equipment | 209.00 |
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| | 497.00 |
| Farm: 4 teams - equipment | 158.00 |
| Common equipment: Bats, balls | 305.00 |
| Kid glove game *** | 560.00 |
| Hats: farm, blue/gold,
knothole, oldtimers | 1,000.00 |
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| | 1,865.00 |
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| Total | 1,600 |
| | 497 |
| | 158 |
| | 1,865 |
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| | \$ 4,120 |

***Kid glove equipment is funded by a portion of all our ticket sales to the 'Reds' annual kid glove game.

Uniforms: our current knothole uniforms are over 5 years old are 'worn-out'.

We have sponsors for eight knothole teams and the entire Blue/Gold program. We still need team sponsors. If you can help us, contact, please, Bob Birri 922-8436, Jim Schaiper 451-1672, Ed Cappel 922-3871

Grade school boys and girls track coaches are needed. We need both head coaches as well as assistants. Please phone Paul Arling - 922-7014 (home) or 451-5700 (office). Thank you.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Our Lady of Victory

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