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From Left to Right:

- a. Youth Group has fun day at the Corn Maze outside Mercer.
- b. Some are more lost than others.
- c. Slipping through the crack...

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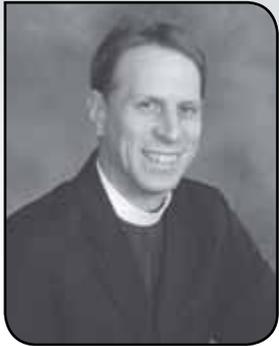
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FROM
God's House
TO *Your House*

New Prayer Request Card

St. John's Prayer Ministry is committed to lifting the concerns of people to God, knowing that he hears, cares and responds. A member of our prayer team will be given this request and will dedicate time in prayer for your concern for the next three weeks. Please share information below and place in the collection plate or the box in the church office. Requests may also be emailed to: prayers@StJohnsSharon.org



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Time. Talent. Treasure.

These areas often provide the theme of a parish stewardship campaign. We know that for St. John's to thrive and grow, we need folks to volunteer when needed, to offer their particular gifts and skills, and to contribute generously.

For us to thrive and grow as individual Christians, however, we need to offer our time, talent and treasure not just to our parish, but to God. Certainly we honor God through our parish contributions, but God's claim on us is much more encompassing than St. John's. So how do we think about giving God our time, talent and treasure?

The most important way we offer God our time is by setting aside regular daily time for prayer. The time God wants from us is not merely something to check off on our to-do list, but an opening in our lives when we can open our hearts to him. God is waiting to hear from us, and he has things to tell us, as well. He wants to speak to us loving words that will encourage and bless us. But we can only hear him if we remember that every second of life is a gift from our Creator and are willing to make our relationship with God a priority.

To offer God our talent, we first recognize that every gift, ability, and capacity we have is given by God for a purpose. We give God

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Date: ____/____/____

To the person who is praying for my concern;

My name is: _____ (optional)

I would like prayers/thanksgivings for: _____

(i.e. health, inner peace, joy, concerns for others, ...)

I would like to be contacted by the person praying for me. Yes No

Knowing the person who is praying for you and sharing your concerns can be helpful but it is not required. What you share will be held in confidence.

You may contact me at: _____

Or email _____

Intercessor Ministry Program

Lord I believe that all things I ask
in prayer believing, I shall receive.

– Matthew 21:22

We are assured through scripture that our prayers will be received and we are called to intercede for each other in the name of Jesus Christ. As we read names of those reaching out to God in Prayers for the People each Sunday morning, we know the petitions are heard, but we have no mechanism to receive praise reports or do any follow-up. Based on the number of names we read, these folks see the important role the Church plays in that relationship and are asking the Church to be part of that intercession. The goal of this ministry is to be more intent in this role by offering a prayer minister to lift these concerns to God.

We will accept prayer requests from any person (parishioner or not), and give to a Prayer Team Member, who will:

- let folks know we are praying for them (if they wish),
- pray for them for three weeks,
- follow up and record the praise reports.

The new Prayer Request cards are in the pews, in the office or can be emailed to: prayers@StJohnsSharon.org. You may place the completed card in the Sunday offering plate or drop them off in the office. All requests are held as confidential.

The Prayer Team consists of 25 parishioners who will include your concern (or thanksgiving) in their daily prayer life. Training for the Prayer Team is Sunday, Oct 9th in the upstairs dining room between the services, led by Fr. Adam.

Blessings,
Randy Beck

our talents when we use them for the reasons God provided them. People who can teach are needed to touch young people's lives, and much of that talent is offered to God during the school day, not just during the occasional Sunday School class. People with business acumen can offer their talents to God as they work with honesty and integrity, offering a just wage for employees and a good product for their customers while being good stewards of the environment and good citizens of the community. Others may have gifts for hospitality or listening that can help pull together families and neighborhoods. What we can do for St. John's or our Diocese is a small part of how our talents can be used to glorify God and benefit his people.

Offering God our treasure is perhaps most straightforward, as we give to our church and other good causes. We know that we are called to give to those in need and that we are blessed when we do. At the same time, all of our saving, sharing and spending decisions can be made in ways that recognize, in the words of the prayer, that "all things come of thee, O God." How and where we shop helps determine who has jobs, what communities are supported, and what kind of environmental impact will be made as we meet our material needs. Our investment decisions can help solid companies grow and prosper, or seek a quick financial profit. We can give money to whatever causes make us feel good, or we find quality organizations that make the most difference in the lives of those they serve.

In the coming weeks you will have an opportunity to share with us how you can contribute to St. John's for the coming year. As you consider that gift, think, too, about the ways you can utilize all of your time, talent and treasure not only for St. John's, but for building up the kingdom of God.

Peace, *Adam*



From our Youth & Family Minister

Nursery care is now available for infants through two years old (older children are welcome as needed) from 8:50am until 11:30am. Christine Lapikas

will be in the nursery during this time every week to care for our littlest members. Christine enjoys spending time with her daughter, loves working with children, and is a student at YSU pursuing certification as an Intervention Specialist. Please stop in to say hello!

We need Nursery Volunteers! As we begin to grow, we will need some volunteers to help Christine in the nursery. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Missy. Thank you!

Children's Chapel has a new location! It is now just off the lounge near the elevator (former Financial Secretary's office).

Looking for Children's Chapel Volunteers! Parents may drop off children, three years old through third grade, before the beginning of both the 8am and 10am services. Children will be led back to the sanctuary at the Peace to join their family for communion. Children's Chapel is an age appropriate worship experience that will include singing, bible stories, prayer and instruction.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Missy.

Safe Guarding God's Children & People Training will take place at St. John's on Saturday October 15th from 9am – 3pm in the upstairs dining room. We will break for lunch, bring your

Food Pantry Needs

The next time you go grocery shopping, consider these items for our ECS Food Pantry:

Tuna • Pasta • Sauce • Cereal

Collection baskets are located in the Narthex and in the parish house hallway by the stairs.

Ready or Not, Here it Comes!

It is hard to imagine, but Baking for the **3 C's Christmas Bazaar, Dec. 3rd, 2011,** will begin in November.

Since ingredient prices have risen so dramatically, you are asked to support the Ingredient Donations for Cookie Baking.

Lists of items needed will be posted in the **Lounge** and the **Narthex**. Please **SIGN UP** to provide your donation of sugar, flour or butter, or consider making a **cash donation** to offset the costs.

If you would be interested in providing a meal for a youth group in-house meeting, please notify Jackie Zuhosky at 330-619-5118 or Missy 724-347-4501. The next date for a meal is October 23. If you wish to provide a meal for a later date, please talk with Jackie or Missy. Your support of this vital ministry at St. John's is greatly appreciated.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale will be held for two days:

Friday, October 14th, from 9am to 4pm
Saturday, October 15th, from 9am to NOON

Proceeds of the sale will go to support the ECS Food Pantry.

All Saint's Day Service

Sunday, November 6 – At this service, names of loved ones who have passed on to eternal life will be remembered. All Saints Day is an important Holy Day in the church calendar.

You will find an offering envelope in this newsletter for your *All Saints Day* offering, along with a place for you to print the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered at the *All Saints Day Service* on Sunday, November 6. **Please return the envelope to the parish office no later than Tuesday, November 1.**

November 2011 Newsletter

Please have articles for the November newsletter turned into the parish office by Monday, October 17. Articles should be typed or printed and delivered to the parish office in person, by regular mail, e-mail or fax.

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own or buy from one of the nearby restaurants. This is a diocesan requirement for anyone working with children and youth in the church. Please contact Missy if you plan to attend.

Youth Group October Calendar

10/2 – Hayride at the Hancock's, 6:30pm – 9pm

10/11 – Taize at Villa Maria Education & Spiritual Center, leaving St. John's at 6:15pm.

10/16 – Celebration of Missy's Ministry at 4pm

10/23 – In-House 5p-7p

10/30 – St. John's Costume Party, 6pm-8pm

Family Movie Night. Join us on October 22nd at 6:30pm. For families with children in 6th grade and under – older siblings are welcome to come too! Movie title will be announced later.

Here's to Our Sunday School Teachers!

Thank you for your ministry.

Sherri Lowery – Bees (Pre-K and Kindergarten)

Christian Lowery – Grasshoppers (1st – 3rd Grade)

Jennifer McLaughlin – Sheep (4th – 6th Grade)

Sue Brown & Barb Sochor – Eagles (7th & 8th Grade)

Laura Peretic & Lisa Zamora – Lions (9th & 10th Grade)

Fr. Adam & Jane Trambley – Fundamentals of Faith (11th – Adults)

Nancy Dudzenski – The Book Group (Adults)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:am - Holy Eucharist 9am - Christian Education 10am - Sung Eucharist 4pm - Celebration of a New Ministry	17 7:00 pm - ECW General Meeting <u>November Newsletter Deadline</u>	18	19 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal <u>Bulletin Items Due</u>	20 10am - Holy Eucharist 10:30am-12:30pm - ECS Food Pantry Distribution	21	22 6:30pm - Family Movie Night
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