

VOX POPULI

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Newsletter of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Volunteer Kelly Sage

by Pat Casucci

Volunteers are often praised for being “the heart” of a school’s programs. Our Pastor, **Father Mike**, emphasized the importance of volunteers by stating, *We have a dedicated staff here at OLA Parish, School and Child Care. But, without volunteers who give of their time and talent, the many ministries we are involved in would never be possible. Our volunteers really are the backbone of who we are as church.*

Reliable, generous volunteers help enhance OLA School activities.

Since moving to Beloit in 2000, school parents **Dr. Robert** and **Kelly Sage** continue to be active volunteers in school and parish. The couple has four children – **Alex**, a freshman at Kent State School of Podiatry Medicine; **Max**, a freshman at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology pursuing an engineering degree; **Lizzie**, a senior at Beloit Memorial High School who is serving as Miss Beloit’s Outstanding Teen 2018; and **Sarah**, a fifth grader at our parish school.

Adding a bit about Lizzie, Kelly, who is Lizzie’s official chaperon, stated, *For me, it’s rewarding to see our child win this title and be an ambassador for our city. She persevered and always wanted to do this. She has so many opportunities, including scholarship money.*

Kelly Sage is generous with her time and dedicated to helping with almost all the school volunteer needs. Her long list of volunteer work includes: room mother for every grade, field trip chaperon, lunch room, playground, the *Mom Art Projects*, hospitality for open houses, *Holiday Shop*, classroom holiday parties, field trips from farms

to zoos, chaperon for eighth grade trip to St. Louis, and *Market Day*. She’s served as vice president and president of *OLA Home & School*. Add *Cub Scout* and *Girl Scout* leader to the list, too. She supports the *SCRIP* program by selling gift cards after the 10:30AM Sunday Mass.

Kelly shares her skill and enthusiasm by serving as OLA School cheerleading coach. *I love cheerleading*, said this fun-loving Mom. *I had the best times when I was a cheerleader in both junior and senior high at Clinton High School. It’s my home town*, she noted. *I enjoy teaching cheerleading skills to the girls. It inspires me as well as the girls. It builds me up, too*, she said.

She assists, also, with OLA Athletics Program events, commenting with a chuckle, *Because my husband is Athletic Director.*

Kelly cheerfully said, *I enjoy volunteering at school because kids make me smile.*

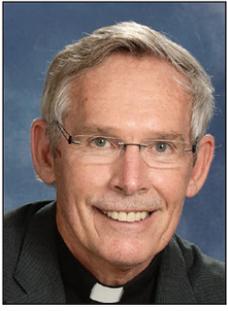
She explained why volunteering is important to her. *We all raise our kids in our homes, but you have no connection with other kids. By volunteering at school, I start to know other kids.* Generous with her time, Kelly said there are many ways to help the school children. *It sort of snowballs for me. It’s meaningful that I can be with the children in positive ways. And if there is a problem, I can help guide, too.*

Happily praising OLA School, she said, *It is beautiful at OLA. Our parents are interested in the school. They are present at school on a first-hand basis; guiding their children.*

Kelly also helps in several ways at Beloit Memorial High School. *I fill in wherever I can such as for Choir*

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Pastor's Message

by Fr. Mike Resop

New Year... New Resolutions

As we begin 2019, I am sure all of us reflect upon what we want to accomplish, what we need to change, and

what we need to be grateful for. I hope that your spiritual life was an area you reflected upon. Here are a few practices that may help improve your prayer life. Jessie Bazan, instructor from St. John's University, Colleagueville suggests we use the Ignatian prayer practice of reflecting on the movements of the day in order to grow in awareness of God's presence. Here are some simple ways to do that:

- 1. Become aware of God's presence each day by setting a few minutes of quiet time as you begin the day to talk with God.
- 2. Review what you have coming

up during the day and ask for God's guidance with the spirit of patience and gratitude.

■ 3. At the end of the Day choose one feature of the day's significant moments, large or small and talk to God about it.

■ 4. Look forward to the next day anticipating where you might encounter God.

As **BOLD DISCIPLES** may we deepen our love for God and others by making prayer a priority each day. ■

God Bless,
Fr. Mike

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

by Laurie Seehafer, Parish Business Manager

Weekly Offertory Collection

	Total	Budget	Variance
Fiscal YTD (July 1 - January 31)	\$490,747.00	\$499,758.00	-\$9,011.00

Offertory Pledge Data

	2018	2019	
Number of Pledges	407	383	-24
Total Pledged	\$640,361.40	\$622,239.00	-\$18,122.40
Actual Collected	\$605,484.00		

Online Giving and Bill Pay

Currently, there are 180 online givers and 30 that contribute via Bill Pay.

Online Giving is available on our parish website: www.olabeloit.com Click on the Parish tab.

Annual Fund for OLA School & Child Care

The Annual Fund for OLA School and Child Care was established a little over two years ago to help provide resources to the school and child care and new marketing tools to increase enrollment. The goal for this current school year is \$30,000, and we are at \$16,019.50.

Charity is at the heart of the church, it is the reason for its action, the soul of its mission, said Pope Francis in September 2017 during the feast of St. Vincent DePaul in Rome.

It is our duty to help those in need; we normally do that through our contributions to the church and charitable organizations.

How does your financial support to church and other charities connect you to God?

In appreciation for all you do to support OLA parish budget and the many ways we help those in need.

If you haven't made your pledge for 2019, you still can. Forms are available at the parish office or call 608-362-9066.

Fr. Mike and OLA Finance Council

Each year we ask that all parishioners consider a subscription to the *Catholic Herald* newspaper. If you would like a subscription, please return the enclosed envelope, through the collection or to the Administration Center, with what you can afford and we will process. If you're able to pay extra and help defray subscription costs to the parish, that is also appreciated. ■

School News

by Trevor Seivert, Principal

Catholic Schools Week:

Mother Nature sure had some interesting things to do during Catholic Schools Week this year as school was closed three of the five days due to the weather. However, that didn't dampen the mood in the school! Once again, we celebrated a wonderful week coming together as a church to commemorate being a Catholic School.

OLA's middle school students were able to celebrate Mass with Boylan Catholic High School and other Rockford area Catholic schools. The 8th grade put up a valiant effort against the teachers in the 8th grade vs. Staff volleyball game, however the 8th grade fell short as the staff won.

On Friday, we began the day with an all school Mass, where Fr. Mike and Fr. John concelebrated.

Following Mass, Claire Marie Mulenga won OLA's National Geographic Geography Bee! Claire Marie then took the entrance test to see if she can compete in the regional competition. Claire will find out in March if she scored well enough. That afternoon, OLA held our annual *OLA Fest* in the gym where students played games.

The highlight of the week was Friday night! That evening *OLA Fest* continued. Each grade made two mini-putt holes in their classroom and families came in and enjoyed an evening of mini-putt in the classrooms and games in the gym! Each classroom had a theme and the students developed the holes using desks, books and other classroom materials as boundaries. Themes ranged from *The Wizard of Oz*, to *Lego's* to *Jungle Book!* The kids and families loved it!

Even though the week was cut a little short, we still made it a memorable Catholic Schools Week!

Spring Fling:

Mark your calendars now, OLA's **Spring Fling** will be held on the evening of April 13th at *La Casa Grande Restaurant!* This year, the *Beloit Memorial Jazz Band* will entertain us at this wonderful event!

Among the many items included in our live and silent auction will be: tickets to *Disneyland*, *Chicago Bears* & *Green Bay Packers* memorabilia and so much more!

Our caricature artist was also a hit last year, and we are having him back! Last year we had a record crowd and are hoping to do that once again, so get your tickets early this year. Tickets will be available later in February/early March, so watch for information in the bulletin and at Mass! This is certainly an event you will not want to miss! ■

Frassati Fest 2019

by Joe McKearn, Sophomore
Beloit Memorial High School

The weekend of February 1st-3rd, I and 7 other kids from the Beloit cluster – including 4 from OLA, and 4 from St. Jude/St. Thomas – went to *Frassati Fest*. *Frassati Fest* is an annual weekend-long retreat to the Wisconsin Dells. It's all about having fun, making friends, and, most importantly, growing closer to Jesus. Everyone who attends *Frassati* is put into a "small" group. They are actually pretty big, and within these groups, you are put on a team. The teams then partake in competitions to win the big game for the weekend. The game for this year was a special version of the board game *Clue*, where instead of solving a murder, you had to find who, where, and what special item a Saint used

to make a miracle. The game was a nice tie-in to the theme this year, which was *Known*, as in, we are fully known by God (1 Corinthians 13:12).

We did not just play some games, solve a mystery, and call it a weekend. There were also many talks throughout the weekend, including a five-person panel in which questions about

faith were answered, separate talks for the guys and girls, and multiple testimonies from high school students about their faith journey. Confession and Adoration were offered on Saturday, with about a dozen priests in attendance to aid in the confessions. We had Mass on Sunday with all 475 kids. Then we had one last talk and it was time to leave. Many hugs, handshakes, and pictures later, I was on my way home.

Frassati Fest was an amazing experience, filled with new friends, tons of fun, and my strengthened faith. I am already waiting for next year and I hope you are, too.

Thank you to the many parishioners who offered their financial support at the weekend fund raiser January 20-21 to assist in our registration and expenses for this faith-enriching opportunity. ■



Attending Frassati Fest 2019, LtoR: Minerva Ramos, Manuel Ramos, Yahir Martinez-Reynoso, Mary McKearn, Joe McKearn, Adam Christofferson, Bernard Klespis-Wick, Teresa Zagal, Alex Zagal, Mary Kate Van Wagner.

Update on The Annual Fund Program

by Tim McKearn

A little more than two years ago a committee was formed to help create and grow an annual fund program to support OLA School and Child Care programs. The goals that were established for the fund remain in place today:

- Grow a sustainable source of funds that can provide support for OLA School and Child Care.
- Reach out to parishioners, family, alumni and friends of OLA to ask for support.
- In raising these funds help reduce pressure on the parish budget.

■ Grow a pool of funds that can provide tuition support for families that demonstrate need.

In the first two years of the fund we have raised more than \$60,000 from close to 200 households. We are so grateful for this generous response! Having this pool of funds available allows the School and Child Care to respond to opportunities with a nimbleness that the traditional budget doesn't allow.

In the past two years we have been able to use these funds to:

- Enhance curriculum offerings
- Provide supplies and equipment
- Offer significant tuition assistance support
- Enhance campus security
- Market the school more effectively

Our goal for this year is to raise \$30,000 and we are well on our way to success. How can you help? Consider making a gift to support the annual fund today. You should have received by now a mailing with more information and a return envelope. There are also envelopes in your monthly packet. Share this opportunity with friends and family. Gifts of all sizes are welcomed.

A strong OLA School and Child Care is an important part of our parish mission and a great value to our entire community. We thank you for your consideration. ■

Views from Child Care

by Rachel Shepherd,
Child Care Director



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Boosters, pep band, choir, and the theater department, she said.

Kelly earned Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of English degrees, with a teaching certificate for grades seven to 12, from UW-LaCrosse. In our Parish, she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a volunteer baker for events, and assisted with the Christmas pageants.

She shared a solemn, sad but meaningful part of her life. *My father had been ill for 14 years*

and died last summer. I was able to help my Mom care for him at home. It was such a blessing for me. The Love Begins Here kids pulled weeds to help us.

Kelly continued, *Sometimes as an adult, there are few times one can honor their parents. My kids watched me honor my father and my mother during those trying years. For me it was a blessing. It helped me teach one of the Commandments."*

In appreciation for Kelly's volunteer help, OLA School

Principal Trevor Seivert observed, *The Sage family has been an OLA staple for years. Kelly is always smiling and is thoughtful. This is so important to me. She is proud of her family and includes them in her volunteer work. It's not just being a dedicated volunteer, it's also that Kelly is one of our great Moms. I can't say enough about all our volunteers. Kelly exemplifies how important they are. Their understanding and cooperation with our school staff is so important.* ■

Lent: A Season of Opportunity for Deeper Faith

by Rob Olsen, Director of Faith Formation

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them. – Mt 18:20

Most of us are probably familiar with this passage from Scripture but the question is: **how serious do we take this message from Jesus?** Perhaps we think it only applies to when we are at Mass or at particular formal community or “churchy” events. The key to understanding this passage is that **it is not just** about the more formal occasions when we gather. Rather it is a call and reminder that **WHENEVER** we gather, we can understand that our God desires to be part of our everyday lives. When we experience our sorrows, challenges, worries, doubt: Jesus wants to be in relationship with us. When we have those times of joys, triumphs, peacefulness, of insight and wisdom: our Lord wants to be part of that as well. Think about it: are not all those the most interesting and important times? Why wouldn’t we want to share those times with others? Why wouldn’t we want God to be part of the experience? But, many in our society have been programmed to be very private and individualistic with faith – with the most important aspect of our life. And speaking frankly, as Catholics, we are not very good at sharing our faith, even with each other. It is sad in a way, and perhaps even detrimental to our life journey. **But how might that change?**

In our Christian faith, Lent is a traditional season for renewal. Through prayer, sacrifice, penance, almsgiving and reflection, we seek to more deeply know the mercy and love our God has for us. But perhaps here too we privatize that and wander into Lent alone. May we suggest that this Lent we travel as companions, two or three, or six or eight, gathered in Jesus name! Maybe it is time in our journey to become more intentional in sharing our faith with others. **Where can**

that begin?

At our parish mission last November all our speakers related how critical it is to learn to share our story and hear the stories of others. Then the story of salvation can enter into the stories of our lives. In this issue of *Vox Populi* and in the coming bulletins and website, we’ve outlined the parish schedules for Lent and listed a great variety of additional resources. Whatever you choose to do is wonderful, but how much could that be enhanced by gathering with *two or more*? Toward that end, I want to highlight two resources offered by the parish.

FORMED®

We have had a parish on-line subscription to FORMED.org for about 1 ½ years that is free to anyone. See Ann Schroeder’s article in this newsletter for the login and other information. Think of it as *Netflix* for Catholics. Make a plan for Lent and share your faith with *two or more*. **THERE IS A LOT THERE FOR EVERYONE!**



A new offering for this season we hope you check out is called **ALPHA**. It is named **ALPHA** from the Greek meaning beginning (as in A in the alphabet, Alpha & Omega, *the beginning and end* from Scripture. It is not referring to being the *top dog* of the pack.:) **ALPHA** is an on-line/video based series. It is geared for gathering in small groups with informal open discussions of fundamental questions about life and faith. A number of parishes in our diocese have used it with great success. The dioceses of Green Bay and Milwaukee are widely using it as well. The parish staff has also been “piloting” **ALPHA**. Even though we work closely together in ministries and Church life,

ALPHA has opened new and lively avenues for deeper faith sharing and prayer. An **ALPHA** group typically begins with time for fellowship and food, a time to share and bring our ordinary week into focus. Following is a presentation video (approx. ½ hour): Session 1: *Is there more to life than this?*, Session 2: *Who is Jesus?*, etc. That is followed by group sharing from a series of lead questions with discussion and participation as the goal rather than a more academic exposition of doctrines. Typically, we end in prayer and, each of the sessions includes a handout with references from Scripture, the Catechism and other Catholic resources. The great strength of **ALPHA** is the confidence and comfort given and received in hearing other people’s stories of faith and in the ability to tell our own story. This is clearly what was asked for as a follow-up to the parish mission. In total, **ALPHA** is nine core sessions with the opportunity to build small faith groups beyond that. This Lent we will initially offer four **ALPHA** sessions at the parish to teach, encourage, and empower folks to experience **ALPHA** and then, perhaps, take the *ball and run with it*. We are tentatively planning these for Tuesday morning and evening but there are still a few details to work out as of our **VOX POPULI** publishing deadline. So, watch and listen for more info as Lent approaches. *Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am among them!* ■

Other Happenings for FF:

■ Please pray for all the students in First Communion, Confirmation and candidates in RCIA preparing for the Sacraments this spring!

■ Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC) is the first and third week-ends of each month.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ALPHA Faith Sharing Program – dates being finalized – check bulletin & website after February 25

■ *Fish Fry every Friday from 5:00-7:00PM in Assumption Hall during Lent*

Ash Wednesday March 6	Mass with the distribution of ashes at 8:15AM & 6:30PM
Thursday March 7	School Stations of the Cross 2:15PM in the church Parish Commissions 6:30PM Pastoral Council 8:00PM
Saturday March 9	Private Reconciliation 9:00AM Set clocks ahead tonight.
Sunday March 10	Hospitality after all weekend Masses Rite of Sending at 10:30AM Mass. Rite of Election at 3:00PM, St. John the Baptist in Waunakee
Wednesday March 13	Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
Thursday March 14	School Stations of the Cross 2:15PM in the church
Saturday March 16	Private Reconciliation 9:00AM Liturgy of the Word for Children at 5:00PM Mass
Sunday March 17	Liturgy of the Word for Children at both Masses
Monday March 18	Men's Faith Group 6:30PM in the Administration Center
Wednesday March 20	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00AM-Noon in the chapel Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM (Shadow) <i>Cluster Communal Penance Service 6:30PM at St. Stephen's</i>
Thursday March 21	School Stations 2:15PM in the church (Shadow) <i>Diocesan Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshop 7:00PM in Assumption Hall</i>
Saturday March 23	Private Reconciliation 9:00AM
Sunday March 24	1st Scrutiny at 10:30AM Mass
Wednesday March 27	Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
Saturday March 30	<i>Cluster Communal Penance Service 9:00AM at St. Jude (No OLA confessions)</i>
Sunday March 31	2nd Scrutiny at 10:30AM Mass
Tuesday April 2	Private Reconciliation 4:00PM
Wednesday April 3	Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM in the church
Thursday April 4	School Stations of the Cross 2:15PM in the church Parish Commissions 6:30PM Pastoral Council 8:00PM
Saturday April 6	Private Reconciliation 9:00AM Liturgy of the Word for Children at 5:00PM Mass
Sunday April 7	Liturgy of the Word for Children at both Masses 3rd Scrutiny at 10:30AM Mass
Tuesday April 9	Catholic Women's Cluster Evening of Reflection 5:00PM Mass, Dinner & Program
Wednesday April 10	Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM
Thursday April 11	School Stations of the Cross 2:15PM in the church
Saturday April 13	<i>Cluster Communal Penance Service 9:00AM at OLA</i> Liturgy of the Word for Children at 5:00PM Mass
Sunday April 14	Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Word for Children at both Masses
Wednesday April 17	Private Reconciliation 9:15AM

Join us in celebrating the most sacred days of the Church Year, the Sacred Triduum:

Holy Thursday April 18	Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00PM
Good Friday April 19	Service at 1:00PM Tenebrae at 7:00PM
Holy Saturday April 20	Easter Vigil at 8:00PM (No 5:00PM Mass)
Easter Sunday April 21	Masses at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

“Never Worry about the Numbers. Help One Person at a Time and Always Start with the Person Nearest You.”

by Ann Schroeder

I felt I needed to do something special for Advent. I had been receiving emails from *Formed*, but had not gotten serious about reading them daily.

I find it easy to get distracted by the busyness of life and not well committed to doing daily reading to grow in my walk with God.

A daily Advent series was recommended in an email and it was the perfect motivation for me to access *Formed* daily.

The presentations were 3-4½ minutes and that seemed easy to do. I found very rich ideas in those few minutes.

I got “hooked” and am now enjoying a number of the emails from *Formed*.

I just watched a 19 minute presentation on *How Do We Build a Civilization of Love* and it was exceptionally good. In it Mother Teresa was quoted about serving to meet the needs of others – *Never worry about the numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.*

Formed is easy to join (create a password) and it is free. Just access www.olabeloit.formed.org (OLA access code is G68FXG) and go for it. ■

Prayer for a New Bishop

Loving God,
you fill heaven and earth
with your glory,
yet you are near to all
who call upon you.
Grant our diocese a new bishop
who, in your grace, is a Shepherd
after your own heart:
one who is filled with
zeal for the Faith and
the spread of the Gospel,
who is gentle and wise,
merciful and just,
and devoted in love for your people.

May he strive each day
to be configured to your Son,
Jesus Christ,
and unite your people
to become stronger in faith,
more earnest in our love of you,
and generous with our care
for others.

Grant your people the grace
to accept our new bishop as your own,
and may he lead us toward your Son,
the unfailing light,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Saint Raphael, patron of our
Diocese, pray for us.*

Additional Prayer Opportunities for Lent

- ***Little Black Reflection Books***
- Weekday Mass: 5:00PM Tuesdays;
8:15AM Wednesday-Friday
- Daily reflections and a variety of Lenten videos, presentations and more on *FORMED*. If not already signed up go to www.formed.org Parish Code G68FXG
- City-wide Ecumenical Service each Wednesday at 7:00 PM. See parish website for details.
- *Praying Lent* from Creighton University
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>
- *Living Lent Daily* from Loyola Press
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily>
- *Lent Reflections with Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire Ministries)* <http://www.lentreflections.com>
- *Best Lent Ever* from **Dynamic Catholic** (Matthew Kelly)
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>
- *CRS Rice Bowl Daily Reflections* Download on the App Store - Android App on Google Play



FISH FRY!
Every Friday
throughout Lent!

What Did You Do on Polar Vortex Day?

by Laura Warzecha,
Director of Pastoral Ministries

A distant memory now, Wednesday, January 30, 2019 will hold memories for me.

Remember there were no flights in or out of O'Hare, schools and businesses closed, and even mail suspended! Some *Saints-in-the-Making* even attended daily Mass at OLA. (By the way, Fr. Mike was there every single day of that frigid week, and the week to follow, keeping watch over our little parish nest. Yes, he is a good mother bird.)

However, most of us didn't

leave our wonderfully snug and warm hovels. What did I do on that Wednesday? I brought two giant piles of work-related ministry reading home with me. Two giant stacks that have accumulated in my office since the *Sister Judy* days before me. I started reading, for the first time, some of the materials that she left for me upon her retirement 3½ years ago!

I had a wonderful opportunity to stop and ponder (a favorite biblical word): Just what is it that I do every day? Sometimes we get so caught up in the busy-ness we forget to notice the big picture. How am I, and you, fellow-ministers of Christ?

■ 1) In work for *Social Justice* –

giving a voice to the voiceless, empowering the powerless, and giving vision to the vision-less. ■ 2) In *Pastoral Care* – pastoring, or caring for, the human spirit at some of the most difficult times in life: illness, death, disability.

I realized again, and in a deeper way, how closely these two areas of ministry are related: Meaning the least/the lowest of my brethren. Meaning also, my brothers and sisters in their lowest and greatest need.

There is no greater privilege. Thank you!

Let's celebrate Polar Vortex Day at least once every month. Slow down...and ponder our Christ-work in our little world. ■

A Piece of History

by Pat Hemenway

Donuts! Pizza! Hot Dogs! Newspapers!

Over the years, OLA parishioners, belonging to parish organizations that required financial responsibility, have carried out many fund raisers to benefit the parish and school.

The *Altar Society* ladies, who were responsible for altar care, made donuts in the former kitchen (now the sacristy) and sold them on Sundays after Mass. Bake sales were also held frequently.

Before school hot lunch was provided, *Hot Dog Days* were regularly offered as an alternative

to sack lunches. Hot dogs, chips & a cookie were sold in the school hallway as there was no cafeteria at that time.

OLA Home & School sponsored pizza sales as one of their more popular endeavors. Ingredients were purchased in bulk and home-made pizzas were assembled on a Saturday each month in the school cafeteria. Students and their parents would deliver the pizzas that very day and take orders for the next sale the following month.

The *Ushers Group* sold newspapers in the church foyer after Mass with a total of over 100 *Chicago Tribunes*, *Sun Times*, *WI State Journals*, and *Milwaukee*

Journals being sold on a weekly basis. Proceeds were used for lawn upkeep including maintenance of equipment, gas for the mower, and even to purchase a new mower at one time!!

As time and demands changed and serving food regulations were put into place, some fund raisers were eliminated. As in the past, working on fund raisers by school families and all parishioners brought people together creating a wonderful parish spirit which grew and continues until this day – just with new faces, new ideas and a common goal – to live as Disciples of Christ. ■

Baptisms "You Are God's Work of Art"

Rory Anne Stoecklin (Jordan & Melissa)

Salette Sofia Torres (Juan & Yesenia)

Charlotte Jean Foster (Andrew & Tara)

Deaths "I Have Called You Each by Name"

Joseph C. Greene (11-29-2018)

Norbert A. Fike (11-19-2018)

Edward J. Schneider (12-5-2018)

Celia Arreguin (12-28-2018)

LaVerne M. Denu (1-15-2019)

Arlyn D. "Butch" Affeldt (2-1-2019)

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