

Mother of Good Counsel Congregation  
- A Catholic Faith Community

# The Chronicle



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GOOD COUNSEL

February 25, 2004  
Ash Wednesday

### Parish Mission Statement:

"Mother of Good Counsel is a welcoming, diverse Catholic Christian community. We strive to make our Savior known to people of all ages through prayer, worship, education and service. We commit ourselves to be an anchor of stability in our neighborhood and beyond by collaborating with our cluster parishes and other faith communities and cooperating with civic groups."

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**W**hat does the donation of 200+ lbs. of toiletries mean to the people served by the Emergency Shelter for Women and Families at St. John's Cathedral? According to Donna Rongholt-Migan, Executive Director: "MGC's gift means that we are supported by our community in this ministry. It reaffirms our staff and blesses the participants."

The recent Human Concerns Committee's Shoebox Campaign was one of several outreach programs to those in need. St. Vincent De Paul has given away many grocery bags of food donated by parishioners, neighbors and Sentry On Lisbon. The South Side Meal Program continues to cook fresh food each month and then serve it to the hungry at the meal site.

Regina Shaw, our principal, reports that she had more families in need of help with Christmas presents this year than any time in the recent past. In true MGC fashion, our faith community provided gifts for all of the children in need.

We made a gift of songbooks to a Catholic parish on the island of Dominica in the Windward Islands. Each of these programs illustrates our community's concern for those less fortunate and our need to reflect Christ to all those around us. As we prepare for Lent, I want to challenge each

## From the Ambo

of us to make a commitment to immerse ourselves in the reality of Our Lord's sacrificial love for us and to select a way to reflect Christ to others. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Attend Mass each Sunday and participate in one additional liturgical program this season. See the calendar on page 2 for a list of events including Ecumenical Services, Stations of the Cross and public recitation of the Rosary.
- ◆ Set aside time for daily prayer. Pray the Rosary, read a prayer book, use the Liturgy of the Hours or any other discipline to deepen your relationship with Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Select one way of supporting your family in your faith such as praying at mealtimes, reading scripture together, praying the rosary or other devotions.
- ◆ Choose one ministry to become involved with to share your time and talents with others. If you need a suggestion, see me or look up the ministries in our Parish Directory that we mailed to the entire parish.

I will hold all of you in prayer this Lent as we prepare to celebrate the blessings of Easter! - Fr. Carey Lahrs, SDS, Pastor



**Shoebbox Ministry  
Drive a Success!**  
Fr. Carey Lahrs, SDS,  
congratulates Human  
Concerns members Kathy  
Chovanec, Rosemary  
Hetzel & Chairperson  
Cathy Grothe on the  
campaign. Parish &  
school families donated  
boxes of new toiletries.

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**Please Join Us For Worship & Spiritual Growth during Lent and Holy Week**

**Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. & Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 8:15 a.m.**

<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Wednesday, February 25	5:30 PM - Hunger Banquet with speaker on Haitian mission. 7:00 PM - Mass and distribution of ashes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Sunday, February 29	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM - Mass 4:00 PM - Stations of the Cross led by the Human Concerns Committee
<b>Ecumenical Lenten Service</b> Wednesday, March 3	7:00 PM - Trinity Presbyterian Church leads service followed by fellowship in Paulik Hall.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Sunday, March 7	8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word 4:00 PM - Stations of the Cross led by the Parish Council
<b>Ecumenical Lenten Service</b> Wednesday, March 10	7:00 PM - St. Catherine's Catholic Church leads service followed by fellowship in Paulik Hall.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Sunday, March 14	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM - Mass <i>Also Donut Sunday</i> 4:00 PM - Stations of the Cross led by 55+ Club
<b>Ecumenical Lenten Service</b> Wednesday, March 17	7:00 PM - Immanuel Reformed United Church of Christ leads service followed by fellowship in Paulik Hall. <i>Also St. Patrick's Day</i>
<b>Communal Penance Service</b> Thursday, March 18	7:00 PM - District 12 of the Archdiocese will hold a penance service at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday, March 21	8:30 AM - Mass 9:30 AM - <b>Christian Women's Breakfast Meeting</b> ( <i>Join us as we raffle off a crystal rosary</i> ) 10:30 AM - Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word 4:00 PM - Stations of the Cross led by Confirmation candidates
<b>Ecumenical Lenten Service</b> Wednesday, March 24	7:00 PM - Mother of Good Counsel leads service followed by fellowship in Paulik Hall.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday, March 28	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM - Mass <i>Also Donut Sunday</i> 4:00 PM - Stations of the Cross led by the Choir
<b>Communal Penance Service</b> Monday, March 29	7:00 PM - District 12 of the Archdiocese will hold a penance service at St. Teresa's Parish in Wauwatosa on Bluemound.
<b>Ecumenical Lenten Service</b> Wednesday, March 31	7:00 PM - All pastors from all churches will co-preside at the service followed by fellowship in Paulik Hall.
<b>Communal Penance Service</b> Saturday, April 3	1:00 PM - The Archdiocese's District 12 will hold a penance service at MGC Parish. 5:00 PM - Mass
<b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday, April 4	7:00 AM - Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast, All Welcome, Serving until 1:00 PM in Paulik Hall 8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass and Children's Procession with Palms
<b>Holy Thursday</b> Thursday, April 8	8:30 AM - Liturgy of the Hours 7:00 PM - Mass
<b>Good Friday</b> Friday, April 9	8:30 AM - Liturgy of the Hours 12:00 PM - Children's Services 1:30 PM - Solemn Services (Free babysitting)
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Saturday, April 10	8:30 AM - Liturgy of the Hours <i>No morning Mass/Confessions</i> 8:30 PM - Vigil of Easter & Mass of Easter, Reception in Vestibule to follow
<b>Easter</b> Sunday, April 11	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM - Mass

## Parish News

### MGC PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The Human Concerns Committee is sponsoring a Parish Blood Drive on **Friday, March 26** from 1PM to 6PM in Paulik Hall. Those who donate blood on a regular basis are asked to please postpone giving blood until March 26 when they can give in community with their fellow parishioners at a convenient location. Members of the Human Concerns Committee will be in the church vestibule to register donors on the weekends of March 13-14 and March 20-21.



### OPERATION RICE BOWL – LENT 2004

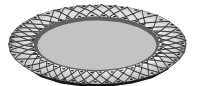
Mother of Good Counsel Parish will again participate in Catholic Relief Service's Lenten program – Operation Rice Bowl. This Lenten program offers an excellent opportunity to promote human dignity and foster global solidarity with the poor around the world through prayer, fasting, learning, and giving.



The **Operation Rice Bowl** Lenten program involves more than just giving. The **Easter Egg Prayer Tree** gives you the opportunity to include the people living in these Third World Countries in your prayers. And 25% of the funds stay here in Milwaukee. The Home Calendar Guide offers suggestions (incl. recipes) for fasting. Please pick up your cardboard rice bowls and Home Calendar Guide which will be distributed by members of the Human Concerns Committee after each liturgy on the weekend of **Feb. 21-22**.

### HUNGER BANQUET – FEBRUARY 25

To give parishioners an excellent opportunity to “Kick Off” their sacred Lenten journey, the Human Concerns Committee is sponsoring the annual Hunger Banquet at 5:30PM on **Ash Wednesday, February 25** in Paulik Hall. For a nominal cost of \$2 per adult and \$1 for children under 12, a simple dinner of homemade soup and bread will be served. A parishioner from St. Francis Cabrini will share how their parish has ministered to the people of Kobonal, Haiti.



### LADIES VOLLEYBALL IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

If you enjoy playing volleyball or are interesting in learning, join us on Tuesday nights! We are open to parish and school members, teachers and staff, and friends. We invite you to come and play every Tuesday evening that school is in session, September-June, from 8-9:30PM. Cost to join for the year is \$15. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Greuel (262) 781-6424 or Carol Young (414) 258-7284.



**Marianne Bellot, MGC parishioner presents the books to Jocelyn (Choir Member) and Sr.**

### MGC HYMNALS DONATED TO ISLAND PARISH:

Parishioner's Marianne & Stevenson Bellot asked the parish to donate the songbooks that are recycled at the end of each year. Stevenson is originally from Dominica, the largest of the Windward Islands, and they presented the songbooks to the parish during a recent visit. The parish, which serves two sites on Dominica, was overjoyed at the gift. Monsignor William John-Lewis serves as pastor and he thanked MGC Parish for the generous gift. MGC donated not only the books but also paid for the shipping in watertight barrels with a special collection. One of the immediate outcomes of the gift was that more people joined their choir now that they all have books to sing from.

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## Administrator's Report

**G**reetings Everyone!

I hope everyone has a chance to read this edition of The Chronicle... and to check our bulletin and KidMail available weekly on the website at [www.mgcparish.org](http://www.mgcparish.org). I especially encourage our alumni throughout the U.S. to keep in touch with us by seeing what life looks like at MGC today!

Speaking of alumni, do we know what you're doing today? Our students and parents are very interested in how our graduates are doing in the world today. **Drop us a line, send an email, and by all means, include photos!**



Here and there we have families from the past come back to visit when they are near. Recently I discovered a lady standing in the dimly lit church lobby, late in the day. I asked if I could help her. She said, "Do you know where the "old" church is?" Fortunately, I did! I

explained that the old church is now called "Alumni Hall" in the school and is used for play performances and for our before and after school program. That's when she told me that she was an

alumna. She recounted some of her memories of going to school here. And, she told me about her parents who were actively involved at MGC. Since then, her family has moved all over the country. She was back, as many of our alumni are, to attend a funeral.



When I asked if she'd like to see the school again her eyes lit up. She was greeted by our Principal, Regina Shaw and given a tour. Regina loves to meet with alums. They bring a sense of connection to the past and the realization of hope for our students' futures. **ALL ALUMNI ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED HOME, at MGC!** You would be happily surprised to recognize many familiar names still active at MGC.

Speaking of active members... soon we will be asking our parishioners to volunteer and/or nominate others for **Parish Council and School Committee**. Please seriously consider a term helping MGC to grow! Our volunteer leaders are an amazing group of people who enjoy working together and having fun! So, watch for those nomination forms in the coming weeks.

God bless you!

*Christine Weidner*  
Administrator



## Scouting Signals



**Cub Scout Pack 61** offers one den for each grade, 1st through 5th. On **Saturday, March 13th** at noon, Pack 61 will sponsor the Pinewood Derby. This is the signature event of Cub Scouting. Each boy is given a

block of wood to design into a race car. The boys race each other on a special track in an elimination-style event. There are two classes: General, built by the boy and an adult; and Scout, built by the boy alone. Five awards will be given out in each class. All those who participate receive a patch and certificate. Everyone is welcome to cheer on their scouts. Also mark the calendar for **Saturday, April 24th** at 5:00PM for the Blue and Gold Mass. After the mass there will be a dinner to present end-of-year awards. This year's theme is "*The Magic of Scouting*" and a magician will entertain. For additional information on joining the Cub Scouts or any of the upcoming events, call Christy Librizzi, Cubmaster, at 414-449-5854.



**Boy Scout Troop 61 recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout to two MGC alumni: Eric Hart and Ramie Braun**

## School News

Life at MGC continues to be very exciting! Our daily lives are marked by many different learning opportunities. Of course, there are the traditional teacher instructed learned situations; but, I'm pleased to report that we are also providing opportunities for students to learn about "life". I would like to share with you a few examples of how we do this at MGC.

**Mrs. Connell** and her 6<sup>th</sup> grade students had a very special visitor last month. **Fr. Peter Mitchell** is a member of the MGC Class of 1987 and is now a priest in the diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska. He told them that when he was a young man his parents taught him to pray the rosary every day; well, he took this very seriously and prayed the rosary every day during his paper route. During this time, he would ask God what it was that He wanted him to do with his life.



During World Youth Day in Denver, Peter was present when Pope John Paul II told them, "Young people, the Church needs you. The future of the Church is on you." Those words changed Peter's life. The next year he entered seminary and was ordained at age 25.

Fr. Peter currently lives in Rome. He works with Mother Teresa's order, the Sisters of Charity; and last April he and his parents had an audience with Pope John Paul II. Fr. Peter shared with the Holy Father the experience he had in Denver that led to his entering the seminary. Fr. Peter is a wonderful example of a faith-filled MGC alumna who has made the decision to follow his vocation. In closing, Fr. Peter told the students, "The Church needs young people to live their faith with joy." What wonderful words of guidance and wisdom!

MGC holds a monthly Pep Rally to celebrate the goodness of our students. Teachers publicly recognize their students for their accomplishments - ranging from counting to 100 for the little ones to memorizing multiplication facts for third graders to providing hours of service for our eighth graders.

November's assembly saw **Mr. Versnik** and **Mrs. Tomé** in Packer gear. **Brianna Prescott**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, provided a bit of dance entertainment. MGC's students and teachers are accomplishing so many good things! They truly make us *Proud to be MGC!*



MGC's Student Council is flourishing. During Catholic Schools' Week Student Council members encouraged all students to nominate a classmate who best fit the description of a "faith-filled" student.

Twelve students were then selected to receive this recognition at an all-school assembly. The nominations provided some great insight into MGC's student body.

When asked how the nominee acts justly one student responded, "When people are acting un-Christ-like, (she) straightens things out. She is not afraid to talk about her beliefs and morals with others." These twelve students are truly leaders among our student body. They and their parents are to be commended.



**Students recognized for their faith standing left to right: Dylan Jahnke, Adrianna Luna Garczynski, Geneva Yee, Danielle Dauer, Rebecca Kronberg, Colleen Sovey. Students kneeling left to right: Martin Nunez, Julia Lerner, Rose Spella, Derin Olaseinde, Chesney McElvain, Allison Krezminski.**

As always, I encourage you to call to arrange a tour. If you know of someone who is looking for a quality, Catholic school please refer them to MGC. I have set a goal for next year to increase our enrollment by 10 percent. I need your help to meet this goal.

It is through the generosity of the generations that came before us that we are able to continue the tradition of excellence. The children and I need your continued prayers and financial support so that MGC will be able to remain the strong Catholic school that we love.

- Regina Shaw, Principal

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Mother of Good Counsel School Presents:  
*WEBER & RICE'S*

## **JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**



*Alumni Hall*

**Friday, April 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 4, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.**

Saddle up the camel, say goodbye to the oasis and join us for an energetic, musical retelling of the bible story of Joseph. Sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph becomes famous for his wisdom and advice. Years later his brothers return to ask for a job not knowing his identity. See how Joseph stages a surprise for them before everyone lives happily ever after.

**To order tickets, please fill out the form and return it *with your check* to:**  
Prepaid tickets will be held at the box office for the performance you have selected.  
***Please respond as soon as possible!***

*MGC School  
3001 N. 68th Street  
Milwaukee, WI  
53210-1299*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hold \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$5.00 each at the box office for the show on:

**FRIDAY      SATURDAY      SUNDAY (Note: We can only hold prepaid tickets)**



Coming to MGC's Paulik Hall  
Melanec's Murder Mystery Theatre  
**Presenting:**  
**"Papa's 50th Birthday"**  
**Starring Parishioner Mark Nadolski**  
Sunday, May 23rd at 2:00 PM

**Come and join the fun as the audience helps to solve this whodunit!**

For additional information, contact Shirley (414) 453-4489 or Carol (414) 258-4757.

To order tickets, please fill out the form and return it with your check to:  
Prepaid tickets will be held at the box office.  
***Please respond as soon as possible.***

*MGC Parish  
6924 W. Lisbon Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53210-1259*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hold \_\_\_\_ tickets at \$15.00 each at the box office for the show on SUNDAY, May 23rd at 2:00 PM



## Calling All Alumni! REUNION NEWS!

Mother of Good Counsel School is available for class reunions. Starting this October, MGC School will host a reunion weekend. We will also hold an All-Class Reunion every five years. *If your class is one of the first classes that are invited to join us for a reunion, please hold the date of:*

**October 9, 2004**

- 3:30 PM - Tour with Regina Shaw, Principal  
Meeting with any teachers available
- 5:00 PM - Mass with class and parish
- 6:00 PM - Dinner with classmates in church hall  
or at a local restaurant

Classes of 1954 (50 yrs), 1964 (40 yrs), 1974 (30 yrs), 1979 (25 yrs), 1984 (20 yrs), 1989 (15 yrs) and 1994 (10 yrs) will receive invitations to this year's program in May. Volunteers from these classes who are willing to help coordinate the reunion are needed. Call Jim Van Hoven, Development Director, if interested at (414) 442-7600, ext. 105 or via email at [vanhoven@mgcparish.org](mailto:vanhoven@mgcparish.org). Stay tuned for information on our next All-Class Reunion in 2005!

### *Alumni News & Notes:*

**Jay Mustapich, Class of 1986:** I am still employed through St. Aemilian- Lakeside, but I took a new job this Summer in Waukesha working with adults struggling with a mental illness. I continue to teach Tae Kwon Do for the Milwaukee Recreation Department, but also began this Fall as an instructor for this martial art for U.W.-Milwaukee. In September I was married. We bought a home in Hales Corners, and are expecting our first child next August.

**Laurie Kushner Probst, Class of 1983:** I have been teaching in Waukesha for nine years. I received my Masters in Education this past May from Carroll College, Waukesha.

### **Alumni: Share your news with MGC and the world!**

The Chronicle is mailed to over 1,100 parish families and 2,900 alumni. Please share your news about education, family, or career with us. Parents, remember to update your graduate's address when they move away from home.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Married to: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities/News to share with MGC Friends: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Alumni update info to: The Chronicle, MGC, 6924 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53210-1259  
Or fax to: (414) 444-0408 or e-mail to: [mgc@mgcparish.org](mailto:mgc@mgcparish.org)

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## Easter Decoration Appeal

**MGC Parishioners, School Families and Alumni are invited to support the Easter Decoration Appeal. You may honor family and friends, both living and deceased, and provide for a beautiful worship environment.**

*Dear Fr. Carey:*

As we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection, we would like to make a gift to celebrate the lives of the following people. We have enclosed \$10 per person and understand these funds will be used to purchase flowers and decorations for the church.

**Directions:** Enter the names of loved ones you would like to remember with a donation to the MGC Easter Decoration Appeal. Please check living or deceased. All gifts for those living will be *In Honor Of* and all gifts for those deceased will be *In Memory Of*. You may also choose to make a gift *In Thanksgiving For Blessings Received*.

Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living? \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living? \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living? \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing thanks for blessings received, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

*Given By: (Please print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



**If you would like to consider other gifts, please contact the Development Director at (414) 442-7600, ext. 105**

Memorials and Honorariums received by March 29th will be acknowledged in our Easter bulletin. Gifts received after that time will be acknowledged in an April bulletin.