

Deacon Diary

Do you wonder sometimes how far science will go to try to disprove what we believe through our faith? It wasn't bad enough that they took the Theory of Evolution to disprove our story of creation. Now, suddenly this theory has become the only "truth" that is allowed to be taught in the classrooms. Now, through this theory a "Big Bang" theory has evolved and this has led to building a Large Hadrons Collider, (LHC) which is a seventeen-mile tunnel built in the Alps by 10,000 scientists from 100 countries which are theorized to accelerate particles that will duplicate the "Big Bang." The next thing you know, they'll come up with an idea like the Earth is round instead of flat, or that the sun does not revolve around the Earth. **Dear God, where will it end?**

Well, it won't end until humankind's quest for truth ends. We have a constant quest for truth since, (pardon the analogy) Eve picked the apple and passed it on to Adam. We have this firm belief that the truth will set us free. We believe our faith is based on truth and it is in that truth that we become freed. However many of our beliefs cannot be proven, (at least not yet). But, many of the assumptions we once had have been proven false. When this happens, fear sets in because we are forced to re-think everything again and try to piece together our thoughts in a way that makes sense.

Wouldn't it be great if science were to validate what we believe? How awesome that would be. Well, sometimes our God allows our finite understanding of knowledge does just that. There are times when our understanding of what we believe through faith demands correction. Our loving Father does that for us too. But we Catholic Christians have certain beliefs that have become part of our faith that are tangible, physical objects passed down through tradition and passed off as relics of great miracles.

One case-in-point is the Shroud of Turin. There was a recent five-year investigation of "The Shroud" that was completed last year. I listened to a program on "Relevant Radio" while driving; radio host Drew Mariani was interviewing an expert on the shroud in light of the new investigation results. The image on the surface of the cloth seems to have come from a burst of thermal energy that left a film of thermal dehydration or chemical reaction that is 200 to 600 nanometers, (which is in the wavelength of visible light). That is very-very thin.

The mold spores found in the cloth fibers come from an area near Jerusalem and were only found in that area before 800 A.D. This rebuffs an earlier carbon dating result that said the cloth was produced about the year AD 1260 to 1390. It was later found that these tests were done on an area of the shroud that was repaired from damage caused by fire.

The final analysis of the latest investigation: The evidence proves it is not a fake, however it does not prove it is the face of Jesus. "If the Shroud of Turin is genuine, it presents us with more mystery and paradox than clarity. That however, is not so perplexing as it is exciting in an age of diverse beliefs and traditions." (Ray Rogers, Shroud of Turin FAQ- 2004) What a wonderful God we have! for in depth info go to:

www.factsplusfacts.com/shroud-of-turin

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Deacon Pat

MARIAN DEVOTIONS – at Holy Rosary – January 12

1:00 PM: 15 Decade Rosary followed by Litany & Chaplet

2:30 PM: Communion Service

Prayer Intention: World Peace and for Leaders to work for the Common Good of Their People

Our prayers are offered with Fr. Cletus' morning Mass in Milwaukee. All are welcome and encouraged to come and pray.

NOTES FROM OUR PARISH DIRECTOR:

BLESSING DURING EUCHARIST

The altar table is at the very center of every Catholic Church because it is the sign of our unity. As the song reminds us, all are welcome in this place. And while some are unable to partake of the Eucharist (for whatever reason), all are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing – young and old alike. So if you would like to receive a blessing (or have your children receive), simply come forward with your arms folded across your chest - this will let the Eucharistic Minister know your intent. Then simply receive the blessing of God and this community.

LINKED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Councils of our three linked parishes will meet this coming Tuesday, January 10, beginning at 6:30 in the gathering hall at St. Ann Parish. We will meet together for the first hour, and break into separate parishes for the second hour.

HOLY ROSARY ENDOWMENT MEETING

The Endowment Committee for Holy Rosary will meet on Thursday, January 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

DS/CPES CORE GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Core Group looking at the collaboration between the sister-schools of Divine Savior and CPES will meet on Monday, January 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Marytown. The meeting is open and all are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S "FOOD FOR THOUGHT CORNER"

Thanks to all of you that help in any way.

For the month of December, we served 56 families at the Helping Hands Food Pantry. We delivered 214 fruit baskets to the elderly, 20 food parcels to needy and \$1420.00 in financial aid to clients in need.

Without all of you generous people, we could not do these things.

We could use some new and younger members to help with this work. For more information on all we do, contact Jim Petrie at 898-5061.

Magi and Science vs. Religion

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Several TV shows lately (from Bones to The Big Bang Theory) have been depicting the supposed divide between faith and science. The nice but relatively naïve people have faith while truly intelligent, rational folk know that science is the better way to go.

This is a false dichotomy, at least if you are a Catholic Christian. With 2000 years of history, we can certainly point to a few missteps. (Galileo, btw, was incredibly hard to swallow, not just for the pope but for all of society-Galileo's research changed the entire world much like the printing press.) However, make no mistake, our catechism, our Tradition, clearly states there is no intrinsic conflict between science and religion. (If you follow the Pope's speeches, he talks about this all the time!)

The magi in today's Gospel make this point. Astrology was the primary science of Jesus' day. Only the most learned, intelligent, scientific men could read the stars and know various cultures well enough to seek Jesus in Bethlehem. Science doesn't conflict with faith – science actually points the way towards God.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL

Please remember in your prayers Odelia Ramminger and her family. Odie's funeral service was on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on January 11 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center. Our featured book is *Parting Gifts* by Charlotte Vale Allen. New readers are always welcome. Contact Leslie Fredrich at 898-9042 with any questions.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL TREE PLANTS

If you ordered a poinsettia plant, you may pick yours up after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, January 8. If not picked up, the plants will be placed in the boy's sacristy for pickup until Monday, January 16. Those not picked up by January 16, will be donated to the nursing homes in New Holstein.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Rita & Ollie Greuel for being selected New Holstein's "Distinguished Persons of the Year". All of us who know you, know you deserve the honor, as well as thank you for all you do for our parish and community. May your example of doing Christ's work in our community be an inspiration to us all of how to follow Christ.

'SPRING INTO CASH' RAFFLE

The 2012 'Spring Into Cash' Raffle is underway. Additional tickets are available in each wing of church for anyone hoping to sell a few extras. This fundraiser is a major part of our fundraising budget, so thank you for your support.

SCRIP

Hitting those after-Christmas sales? We still carry many of the seasonal favorites for you—Aeropostle, American Eagle, Bath and Body, Best Buy, Old Navy, Pier 1, Barnes and Noble, Gap and Toys R Us. Check out that new Shopko store in Kiel with our gift cards \$25 and \$50. We also have Wal Mart and Target available in \$25 or \$100 gift cards! You can pay off the Lowe's or Kohl's credit card with scrip, too! Check out the box in the main wing after Mass. Scrip is also available at the Divine Savior School office in the New Holstein site during school hours -- M&I Bank also carries some of these cards and certificates during their banking hours.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

All classes will meet in our church on Wednesday, January 11. Father Daniel Schuster, Vocation's Director from the diocese, will speak to our students about vocations. Parents are encouraged to attend, too. Students in Grades -8 should meet in church at 6:00 pm. Students in Grades 9-12 should meet in church at 7:30 pm. We have invited the students from St. Ann, SS. Peter & Paul, and Divine Savior School to join our students for Father's presentation.

VITAL YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

invites all parish members to continue to pray for the Youth of our parish and community during this blessed month of January.

Dear Lord, after this Christmas break with our families and renewed in their love, we pray that our Youth begin the New Year with the strength to make wise choices and a firm resolution to follow Your teachings. With the fire of the Holy Spirit, guide them to stay strong and not stumble and fall in their faith.

Help them this New Year to fret less and laugh more. As we pray for peace, for light, and for hope, may we accept Your gift of a New Year and rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want. Thank You for another year and for new choices every day. Help us, Lord, to hear Your love

song in every sunrise, every snowflake, and in our hearts, we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOLY ROSARY LITURGY MINISTERS - January 14 & 15

	4:00 PM	10:30 AM
SERVERS	Max Knauf Zachary Schmitz Taylor Doherty	Emily Williams Zachary Halbach Nicole Birschbach
USHERS -N -M -S	Alex Schmitz +Brian Schmitz Al Berenz	Tom Schwartz Mike Kutz +Dave Burg
GREETERS-N -M -S	Joan Winkler Meghan, Michael & Brian Schmitz Matthew & Katherine Kapellen	Hannah Schwartz Mary Grace Langenfeld Jamie Langenfeld
HOST	Patty Jaeckels Randy Jaeckels	Fred Weber Mary Hoerth
WINE	Florence Bartman Laura Geigel Paul Kapellen Dolores Pethan	Sue Philippi Mary Schwartz Marilyn Steffen Mike Steffen
LECTOR	Gary Winkler	Dave Ditter
CANTOR	Meg Feider	Adult Choir
ORGANIST	Ann Arbuckle	Vic Guckeisen

AREA HAPPENINGS

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass

Join The Most Reverend David L. Ricken for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Wednesday, January 18 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Appleton or on Friday, January 20 at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Green Bay. Masses begin at 7:00 p.m. Interpreters for the Deaf will be available at both Masses. Join us for refreshments afterward! For more information contact Tanya at 920/272-8291 or twollenberg@gbdioc.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive-Thursday, January 19 from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at the Eagle's Club, Chilton. Walk-ins welcome or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Complimentary lunch for donors. The need is constant – the gratification instant. GIVE BLOOD!



Who are the Capuchins?

The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend in the Milwaukee area for men, ages 18-45, who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church today.

The weekend is **February 3-5, 2012**. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend, call (313) 595-2182 or email the Vocation Office at:

vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org

Check out the Capuchin website at:

CapuchinFranciscans.blogspot.com

ST. ANN PARISH NEWS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sister Roque Essert, who entered eternal life on January 2, 2012 at the age of 94. Sister Roque was a Homemaker at St. Ann from 1942-1943. She professed her vows 69 years ago with the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc. May she rest in peace.

MISSION QUILTING

Quilting continues every Tuesday and Thursday through March from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come all day or for a few hours. Bring scissors and a bag lunch; coffee and milk will be provided. Everyone is welcome to help. The quilts are donated to the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse in New Holstein. Quilting takes place at the home of Ken & Lydia Turba. For questions, call 894-3858.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

A second collection will be taken today for the building and grounds fund.

MEMORY TREE

Thank you to everyone who purchased a plant. There were 64 plants ordered in memory of a loved one for Christmas. Those who purchased a Poinsettia plant are free to take them home today following Mass.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A server training session will be scheduled soon. All students in grade 4 and up who are interested in learning to serve at mass should contact the parish office. Adults who are interested in serving for a funeral Mass and would like to be trained can also contact the parish office.

ROSARY & LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the winter months, the Rosary and Liturgy of the Word with communion will be celebrated in the Parish Center on Wednesday morning's beginning at 8:00 AM.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 10 – Staff Meeting at 4:30 PM at Holy Rosary.
Linked Parish Council meeting at 6:30 PM at St. Ann Church Hall.

SCRIP

Gift cards and certificates can be purchased after Sunday Mass in the gathering room, by calling Jayne Engel at 894-3904 or at Citizens Bank in Kiel during business hours.

VOCATIONS

This week we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week, let us be aware of our need to answer God's call in our lives. That call began at Baptism, and continues as we live out the vocation to married life, single life, consecrated life, or ordained life. In a special way, let us pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood in our families. Our children and grandchildren need to know that we will encourage and support them if God calls them in this way.

DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

It's a new year and there are many exciting things happening at Divine Savior School. Before Christmas break, the elementary school participated in a "manners meal", one of our many school activities that focus on building character. Our lunch was served family style on tables that were properly set. We enjoyed a quiet well-mannered lunch among friends.

Now that we are back in school, we are ready and eager to get back to learning. We are predicting a BLIZZARD. . .of books. Even though it may not be snowing outside, it will be snowing inside. To encourage continued good reading habits in the new year, the elementary campus will be placing snowflakes around the school during the month of January, each representing 20 minutes of reading time. Keep your shovels handy, we may need to shovel ourselves out!

Looking ahead. . . Please remember kindergarten screening will take place on Monday, January 23 and Catholic Schools Week will kick off on Sunday, January 29.

ST. ANN LITURGY MINISTERS – January 15

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	8:00 AM
Greeters	Jeff Berchem Family
Lector	Dorothy Roehrig
Host & Wine	Mark Novitovic, Kathy Pershing, *Cheri Schmitz
Servers	Kyle & Courtney Schmitz
Ushers	Steven Winkel, Roger Brandt
Gift Bearers	Brenda D & Larry K