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**God has given us two very special gifts this year.....
Fr. Urlage and Deacon Greg Meier.**

Words cannot begin to express how grateful we are for all they have done for St. Philip Parish and our community. They have given so generously of their time and their energy. God has truly blessed us.

Fr. Urlage has stepped in to be our Sacramental Minister for Saturday and Sunday masses and weekday masses. His homilies are great! We appreciate the many miles he has driven back and forth through fog, rain, ice and snow to offer mass. He is such a wonderful example of God's priesthood. He has given so unselfishly of his time and energy to our parish. Thank you Father.

When Deacon Greg first came to our parish, he thought he may need to spend a couple days a week working on the business of the parish. He soon found out he had a lot of work to do and he didn't flinch. He just rolled up his sleeves and dived right in. He found many ways to save the parish money get our books in order and helped lead us through the new Offertory program. We are very indebted for everything he has done for St. Philip parish. Thank you Deacon Greg.

We wish you both a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year



Recycling News

Thank you to all the people who have been saving their cans. We have taken the aluminum can collection and a few other pieces of aluminum pieces twice to the recycler this year for a profit of over \$1,000. Thanks to the parishioners who took the time to drop off the cans. The School is the beneficiary of your good will and it is truly appreciated.

The Ryan Field cans have really helped also. But it would be helpful if the trash and water bottles would be sorted into the correct barrels. It takes so much longer to bag these cans if they have trash and water and bottles mixed in with them. Remember also we are taking only aluminum cans now—no Aluminum wrap.

Submitted by Theresa Frilling

Who's been naughty? No, some 'handy men' have been NICE!!!!

Thanks to the generous donations from a couple parish families and the many volunteer hours of a handful of very resourceful, hard working, "handy" men, the school kitchen has a new freezer and a new convection oven. Both items were badly needed and so appreciated. The differences in cooking from the very old and worn out oven and the fantastic new oven are amazing. The kids are going to be thrilled to not have overly browned (burnt) edges to their sandwiches and pizzas-to name just a few things. Theresa and I have been stunned by how great our baked items have been cooking. No more time spent rotating cooking sheets and watching closely to try to keep foods from over cooking. No more pilot lights to adjust or relight and no more singed bangs. Yeah!!!

Thanks again to the people that made these additions to our school kitchen possible.

Sincerely,
Brenda Steelman and Theresa Poytner

Bereavement Committee News



A big Thank You to all who have turned in the last signup sheets, phoned, or told us of their changes and willingness to help with funerals. We like to up-date our files every few years, because sometimes phone numbers change or maybe the items that you can bring change. Sometimes people help with the setup or cleanup and help at the mass being a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Server, Hospitality Minister or Choir member.

If you can help in any of these ways and did not have a chance to turn in a paper, there are extra forms in the vestibules of the church. You can also phone Marian Leisz at 781-4343 or Theresa Frilling at 635-3849. They will take care of filling out a paper for you.

Thank You again to everyone for all the help you have provided throughout the year. May God bless us all.

Theresa Frilling

Parish Council News

Attention all organizations—it's not too early to start thinking about St. Philip Parish Anniversary in 2010. Take some time at your next meeting to 'brainstorm' some ideas and then designate a representative of your organization. We will plan to have our first meeting early in 2008 to begin planning. Please send Mary Jo Tiemeier (tiemeier.mj@pg.com) an email or drop a note in the Newsletter folder in the vestibule with the name of your organization's representative.

The November Parish Council meeting was canceled. Members of Parish Council attended three training sessions for the Offertory Program and worked with Deacon Meier to implement the program. Thanks to all parishioners who participated.

We look forward to our January meeting to meet with Fr. Barth to plan our year's agenda and work to make our parish the best we can.

Submitted by Mary Jo Tiemeier, Secretary

May the gift of Christ's peace
be yours this Christmas
and throughout the New Year.

