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We dedicate this issue to Kate Neltner Geiger for her tireless efforts, dedication and passion for her God and her Church. Kate's energy, imagination, joy and love touched all at St. Philip Parish. Let us work to ensure her dreams for our parish live on.

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS



Just a reminder for anyone who may need help in the time of the passing of a loved one. The first person to contact is Father at the Rectory 441-8949 or the Funeral Home you choose.

You can leave a phone number of the person that Father or the Bereavement Committee can contact for further information.

Thank you to all who have helped with all the funerals we have had in the past—everything has worked out because so many are so generous.

It has been suggested in the Survey done by the Parish Pastoral Council that we redo the List of Volunteers every year. This would be a lot of work. If anyone has a change in telephone numbers or would like to help in anyway with a funeral, there are still slips of paper in both vestibules which you can fill out and drop in the collection baskets or you can call Theresa Frilling at 635-3849 or Lynn Farris at 781-0646. They can take the information needed.

Submitted by Theresa Frilling

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## If the Shoe Fits.....Share It!

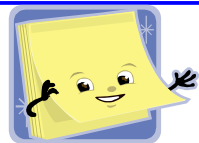
At the March St. Philip PTC meeting we discussed a collection effort organized by the US Army in Iraq. Army reserves are trying to collect 10,000 pairs of new or used children's shoes to distribute to needy children in Iraq. In July, the temps reach 120 degrees in this hot dessert area. Many Iraqi children, living in remote areas, go without shoes because they are too poor to buy them.

Major Jeff Camp, serving in the Army, noticed the need to provide foot ware to these children. A collection barrel was placed in the school entry way for 3 weeks. Over 100 pair of shoes were collected and shipped to a FedEx hub in Salt Lake City, UT. FedEx then loads these shoes onto a cargo plane headed for the mid-east region (FedEx paid the shipping costs). Read more about it at [www.mnd-3.com](http://www.mnd-3.com), click on Shoes. Helping those in need makes you feel great.

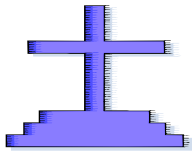
St. Philip children gave of their "treasure" by donating outgrown gym shoes, sandals and even one pair of blinking light up snow boots! Those went too – some kid is going to love 'em.

**In total, 13 Boxes, 119.5 lbs, 107 pairs of shoes.** Thank you for your donations kids! Great job!

Submitted by Jill Fessler  
St. Philip PTC Secretary



Mark your calendars now for the Summer Festival **June 17<sup>th</sup>**. . It's not too early to pray for great weather and sign up to work. Be sure to sell your raffle chances and turn them in as soon as possible.



## St. Philip Worship Committee

Next month is our annual planning meeting to brainstorm and plan for the liturgical year ahead. Our meeting is on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will have pizza and soft drinks at this meeting. We invite anyone who may be interested in this committee to consider attending this meeting. If you are interested please contact Kathy Alwell at 635-3885

Submitted by Kathy Alwell

## School Children Show the Way

I recently attended a benefit for Joey Melville, a 3 year old little boy from Southgate waging a battle against cancer. I felt such great pride when I saw a shopping cart overflowing with groceries that had been collected by the children of St. Philip School for the raffle. The spirit of caring and giving exemplified by the children of St. Philip is something we can be very proud of!

Submitted by Mary Jo Tiemeier



## Boosters News



Our strenuously busy basketball season may be over, but with the various activities of summer just around the corner, plenty of opportunities to be part of the action await you. A massive amount of the summer activities we have planned include the use of our parish's ball-field, which many of you know requires countless hours of upkeep and maintenance. There is also always a considerable need for volunteers to work the concession stand for our summer ballgames.

Outlined below is an overview of some volunteer opportunities and the contacts for them, along with some important upcoming dates and current booster news:

- ☞ For pavilion rental (which is filling up quick for the gorgeous summer months) contact John Garlich 781-1050-
- ☞ To volunteer your time to work the concession stand at the ball-field contact Ron or Kim Schultz 635-3231
- ☞ To volunteer to cut the grass at the ball-field contact John Garlich 781-1050

Don't miss the next Boosters meeting May 5th at 7:30 – at this meeting the basketball committee will be selected and anyone interested in being on that committee should attend the meeting or contact one of the Boosters officers. The committee will then be discussing some problems and how to solve them, along with coach assignments for next season.

The Boosters are attempting to apply for a grant to purchase new bleachers for the ball-field to improve the quality of our patrons experience there.

It's that time again for our annual Sports Awards Night, scheduled to take place April 26th.

Thank you for your time and dedication as we work together for our parish & our children.

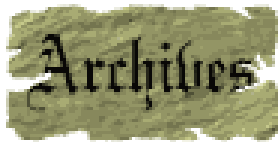
Submitted by Judy Joering

## Parish Council is looking for a few good men...and women!

It's time to elect three new officers for the 2006-2009 term. Meetings are held every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm.. Meetings usually last no more than an hour. If you are interested in serving on Parish Council, please contact Paul Hehman at 781-8923. We need veteran parish members, new parishioners; young or old-- anyone who has a little time to get involved and cares about St. Philip parish.

The Long Range Planning Committee recently provided each organization/committee a list of suggested projects that were compiled from the Parish Survey. Parish Council members will be checking in with each committee to get a status report on the projects and offer any assistance if needed.

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## Committee

In anticipation of our centennial in 2010, Father Cooney formed the Archive Committee. The members are: Father Cooney, Vicky Cuthrell, Beth (Hehman) McDonald, Peggy Cooper and Dee Schroeder

This committee has been meeting approximately monthly for almost the last year discussing and gathering information from various historic sources. Father Cooney, Pam Wagner and Joan Wagner have become regular visitors to St. Ann's Convent compiling copies of the archives from their historian about St. Philip's. Also, Father Cooney, along with others, has visited the archives of the Diocese of Covington but additional visits will be necessary.

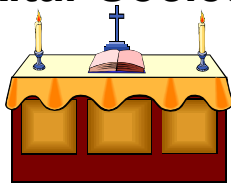
Our most pressing endeavor is to interview, either on videotape or by voice recording, the senior members of our parish. Many individuals have a wealth of knowledge to share about the early days of our church and the surrounding area. That project will be starting in earnest very soon so expect a call from a committee member in the very near future.



You can contact the Archive Committee by calling the rectory or Vicky Cuthrell at 635-0559.

submitted by Vicky Cuthrell

### Altar Society



### News

The Altar Society will have their next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. In the Conference Room. We will discuss the Annual Dinner Out for 2006.

Come and join us if you can. We will also discuss the items that pertain to our Committee from the Parish Pastoral Council Survey that was conducted a while back.

The Altar Society members would like to thank all who work so hard to make the church no nice to worship in. We had a nice turnout for the Easter Church Cleaning. We appreciate all who gave of their time and talents to clean the entire Church. But you know how it is –you can always use more people "because many hands make light work." Maybe next year more people can find time to help.

Thank you to the generous person who cleaned the carpet. It really looks good. May the Lord Bless all in our community.

Our officers this year are:

- Secretary: Joni Geiger (635-0595)
- Treasurer: Gerri Cunningham (441-2909)
- Vice President: Debbie Feinauer (781-5495)
- President: Theresa Frilling (635-3849)

submitted by Theresa Frilling



### Recycling

Thanks to all who have helped collect aluminum cans this year. We hope everyone will keep the barrels at the Ball Field For only Aluminum cans. There are other garbage cans for glass bottles and water bottles and a few other garbage items.

We have turned cans in once this year and we received a profit of \$391 for the school. Look for the barrels and the other two collection containers at the Cafeteria dock and the Parish Center side door which was just purchased. We should be able to get another load right after the Parish Festival.

Please keep up the good work in saving these cans—it really helps.

submitted by Theresa Frilling

**Next Edition of the Parish Newsletter will be June 3-4.**

**DEADLINE for articles - May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Articles can be sent to the Rectory or mailed directly to:

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7610 Mary Ingles Hwy, Melbourne

Or email to: [mjtiem@aol.com](mailto:mjtiem@aol.com)