



## Stewardship—Varied Meanings

By Darla Sexton

What does stewardship, regarding the church, mean to me? I understand it to mean that it is what a person does to help take care of the needs and finances of the church and its property. This would involve my time, my treasure and my talents.

I'll start with treasure because it is the easiest for me to talk about. My greatest treasure is my family. They are a truly, amazing gift from God. If stewardship really means sharing our treasure, then I say, "Yes, God! We will strive to learn about you and your teachings! And, we try to be an example for others to follow!" By sharing my greatest treasure, my family, this will certainly require time and talents from all of us.

When Scott and I were first married, money was tight. We managed to barely pay our bills, but I felt there was no money left in our budget for the church. I spoke with my parents about our financial worries, and their question was, "Have you prayed to God to ask Him for help yet?" So, I prayed. The answer was clear. I knew I had to give something—anything I could to God—and He would take care of our needs.

I started giving a small amount of money each month to the church. I wasn't sure if I would be able to afford it, but I knew I had to trust that God would take care of the obstacles. I always write checks to the church, BDF, etc. first, then I pay the rest of the bills. I can't explain how or why it

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By Alberta Consonero

I decided to write an article about what the church has done for me and how it helped me to cope with the most difficult time of my life. Let me start by saying, that for some years I had fallen away from the church. I found it hard to come back. Then, on March 5, the grandmother and my mother-in-law died. My husband and I went to the Shrine to make the necessary arrangements. We found Father Liam very considerate and understanding. When my husband and I left, I said, "This is the parish that I want to join and attend Mass."

Only six days later, my five children lost their father and I lost my husband. Again, we had to seek help with arrangements and desperately needed someone to listen and help us through this terrible time. Even though we were torn apart by what was happening, we were consoled by the church in the person of Father Liam.

The following May, still suffering from the death of my husband, we were devastated by the sudden death of my 41-year-old son. As a parent, you can understand how hard it is to forgive those that you feel wronged your child. Father Liam worked with me and my children to let go of our anger, to forgive, and leave it in the hands of God.

The readings of scripture and the Mass have helped me to go on day-by-day and to have the strength to endure what happened. I am not saying it has been easy but as time goes on, with faith and

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# Couple Finds Answers Before Marriage

By Matt and Theresa Clementi

As the Shrine of St. Therese prepares to commence its Stewardship program, we would like to tell how the parish assisted us, and why we believe that the support of our parish is so important.

When a young couple is preparing to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage, they have many questions that need to be answered, and a period of preparation to gain some understanding of the sacrament they are entering. My wife and I had a handful of questions that needed to be answered. To get an answer to our questions we went to the priest at the Shrine. We found there a kind, good man with a strong Irish voice who helped us and answered our questions.

Father Liam helped to guide us through the period of preparation. He enrolled us in marriage

classes, gave spiritual guidance, and shared with us an understanding of the sacrament.

The marriage classes offered an opportunity to interact with our peers, ask questions, and we learned how to keep the lines of communication open between us. It prepared us to make the commitment necessary for marriage.

It is comforting to know that the Catholic Church offers couples classes to learn the skills of communication and to live a life as one. Father Liam gave us the proper guidance to grow as Catholics.

As our life unfolds as a couple united as one in marriage, we take comfort in knowing we have the support of our pastor and parish community. The church has given much to us, and we intend to give our support to the church so that other couples will benefit from its guidance and help.

## Tootsie Rolls Into Cash . . .



Knights of Columbus members Don Lira (left) and Dwight Scott (right) presented Regina DeSalvo with a check from Tootsie Roll sales to help support Colorado Blue Sky, an organization providing support for persons with developmental disabilities in Pueblo County.

## THE ROSE

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## Parish Mission Begins Saturday, October 9 thru October 14

A priest from the Fathers of Mercy will celebrate Mass each evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by a religious talk in the church





# Tina Sandoval Becomes Religious Ed Director

Tina Sandoval thought she would be teaching math skills forever. Then she was surprised when she felt called to try another path. Today as Director of Religious Education at the Shrine Parish, she has over 100 students registered in pre-school through 8th grade.

Tina was born in Walsenburg, CO., one of seven children to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Viapando. Her father was a long-time family doctor in the community.

She attended St. Mary's school, went to college in Denver at Regis University where she received her B. A. degree in Math and Elementary Education. She remained in Denver to earn her M. A. degree in education. She married her husband, LeRoy Sandoval, also a native of



Walsenburg.

Tina always taught religion classes in whatever parish she happened to be making her home. She saw a need for solid catechests and was more concerned when her children, Jennifer, 13, and LeRoy Jr., 11, were enrolled in religion classes.

Impressed by Father Liam's vision for a religious education program and his genuine interest in young people, Tina left the Math Dept. at Pueblo Community college and stepped into a new role as director. She is now working on another degree—an M.A. in Religious Education.

Shrine parents seem very interested and involved in their children's religious formation. This pleases Tina and bodes well for a good year.

We welcome Tina. ✕

## November—Remembering the Souls in Purgatory

Only Catholics believe in Purgatory and many of them do not understand or believe why. The month of November we pray for the "poor souls" or "holy souls" which is a more appropriate name for those family and friends who are making their way to Heaven.

St. Mathew says, "Be perfect, therefore, as you, Heavenly Father is perfect." This "perfect" as St. Mathew means is to be completed or reach full maturity of our discipleship. It is the final purification.

Let us say you have been invited to the country club for a dinner. Would you arrive with cakes of mud clinging to your shoes? Mud splashed shoes? Unkempt hair?



Smelling of sweat?

Certainly not! So it is in Purgatory that we clean ourselves and prepare for our final entry into Heaven—to be reunited with God. While praying for our deceased family members and friends, remember to prepare ourselves for that final trip. While still in this world, we can do penance, but once beyond, we can only hope that friends, in charity, will pray for us.

A summary from the Catholic Catechism:

*"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (n. 1030).*



## Helping Hand Food Cart

Remember to help with replenishing the on-going food collection in the baptismal area of the church. Food donations are given to the Co-operative Care and Los Pobres Center for migrant workers.

**Please donate food as often as you can!**





# Summer Activities

High school graduates who are parishioners of the Shrine of St. Therese were blessed at Mass during the summer. Top right, left to right: Tom Willumstad, Rylee Williams, Brianne Irvin.

Bottom right: Ryan Balchuck, Francis Blackford, Tom Willumstad.

Bottom left: Brianne Irvin and Chris Javornik. Father Liam celebrated the Mass and appears in the background.



## DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN PICNIC

The picnic was held at the Shrine Hall this past summer. Four new men entered the seminary this fall. Shown at the right, left to right in the picture: Joe Chrisman, Chris McGrath, Bishop Arthur Tafoya, Gilberto Gonzales, Jesus Roa, Brian Casaus, Joe Goetz. Front: Matt Wertin.



# Focus on Our Youth



"Totus Tuus" participants Monica Smith of Colorado Springs, Connor McGuinn, and Laura Lundberg

Four college students presented "Totus Tuus" with our children in July. This was a one week summer catechetical program which was very successful and enjoyed by the children.



Joel Arnold of Wichita, KS., Shelby Medina, and Abbey Cira

## Familiar Faces at the Shrine



Tami Zugelder, daughter of Joan and Frank Zugelder, shows her surprise meeting Bishop David Ricken on the day she entered the novitiate. She received her veil and new name of Sister Mary Faustina. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker in Walton, KY. She is a graduate of Central High school and Western State College, Gunnison, CO.



Our parish thanks go to Father Ron Roche who steps in to celebrate Mass for us when our pastor is ill or on vacation. We welcome Father Ron.





# MEMORIALS



Thanks to all who contributed to the Shrine of St. Therese Memorial Fund.  
The list includes the months April 2004 thru September 24, 2004

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## Sister Mary Clare Peterson Dies in August

A long time servant at the Shrine Parish died in August. Sister Mary Clare Peterson, O.S.B. served in the parish for 19 years.

As Msgr. George Holland once said,



"How many days and nights she has pumped that organ and played those keys?"

Sister was the

organist who played for all the Masses, funerals and church functions. She also assisted Sister Suzanne with special

### CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Announcement for National Prayer and Fasting Conference: The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

concerts at Christmas and St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Though music was her speciality, she also taught religious education classes for the parish youngsters. Parishioners remember her smiling face and happy disposition.

She retired from active parish work, and she and her biological sister, Sister Mary Hugh lived in a small house on the south side. When her health began to fail, Sister Mary Hugh provided care and companionship for her to the end. She was buried where she was born—in her beloved San Luis Valley.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at the Shrine where an overflowing crowd showed their love and respect for a faithful Benedictine Sister. ✕



*From the Emerald Isle***Sister, Friend Visit With Father Liam**

**K**athleen Murray, widowed sister of Father Liam, exclaimed with twinkling eyes how much she loved Gaelic football and bingo! "She is very loud and vocal in supporting her parish football team. And she loves bingo, so we made a trip to Cripple Creek," announced Father Liam. (Gaelic football is not like American football.)

His other house guest, Declan Mimmagh, a young man, whose family has an adjoining farm to Kathleen's in Ireland, have been neighbors and friends for generations. He accompanied Kathleen from Ireland for the visit in Pueblo.

Looking at a Colorado road map, they told of traveling over Monarch Pass to Gunnison, (where they visited with Father Steve Murray), Grand Junction, Capulin, Westcliffe, La Veta Pass in Colorado and as far south as Santa Fe, NM.

"We've seen animals that we don't have in Ireland—antelope, wild long-horn sheep, even buffalo and chipmunks—we have no chipmunks in Ireland," said Declan.

Kathleen explained that she is the middle child and only girl in a family of eight children. It was a family of mischievous children and Kathleen learned to "give as well as take" with her brothers.

She married Charlie Murray and lived in England for 31 years until her mother's death. when Liam decided to enter the seminary, she and her husband returned to run the family farm in Drumlish, County Longford, Ireland. The farm had been in the family for 400 years.

What do they grow on this farm? Hay is one of the primary products that is used to feed their cattle in winter. They also cut turf from the bogs which

is used to warm the farm house. Farm life is a busy life and Kathleen bakes homemade breads and scones.

What meal does Kathleen cook the most?

Kathleen and Declan answered in unison—"Bacon and cabbage at least twice a week. We have very mild seasonings," added Declan, no doubt thinking of all the Mexican food that he had eaten on his travels through Southern Colorado.

Both Kathleen and Declan expressed delight in visiting Colorado, by Declan still prefers to live the rest of his life in Ireland.

"All of the people have been very friendly and welcoming us,"

concluded Kathleen. She returned to peeling potatoes for their dinner the evening of the interview with Bishop Tafoya as their dinner guest.

Kathleen and Declan are expected to return to Ireland in early October. ❧



Declan Mimmagh, Kathleen Murray discuss the highlights of their visit to Colorado with Father Liam

**Remember to pray  
for the recovery  
and good health  
of Father Vince**



Father recently suffered a heart attack. He underwent an angioplasty procedure at which time a stent was placed in a blocked artery. He has returned to his duties as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Grand Junction.



## Sexton

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happens, but the money doesn't seem to be a problem any more. Our needs are met. I made a promise to myself that each year I would increase the monthly amount a little until I can easily afford to give 10 per cent of our earnings. So far it has been easy. I don't seem to notice the increases like I thought I would.

As for talents, we try to help out at church whenever we can. Right now, Chad, Sarah and Megan share their talents by serving regularly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Chase will be making his First Communion this year and says he can hardly wait to serve too. Scott is not Catholic but is always supportive and willing to help guide our children toward our faith.

I am a member of the CCW and a Eucharistic Minister. I also serve on the youth committee as co-chair. It has been a great experience so far, and the committee is working hard trying to find ways to involve our youth in the parish family.

I encourage you to support our children and to be mentors to them. Reach out to any one child

and let them know how awesome they are, and I promise that we will all benefit as a parish family when the child grows in the Catholic faith and then chooses to become confirmed in our faith.

I also encourage you to share your time, your treasure, and talents if you are not already doing so. Enrich our parish. Trust that God will enrich your life. ✕

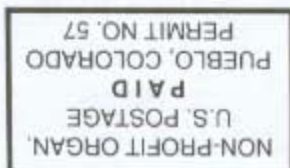
*Editors note:* Darla Sexton and her husband, Scott, and their four children have been members of the Shrine for about five years. The children are Chad, 14; Sarah, 12; Megan, 10, and Chase, 8. The children are enrolled at St. Therese Catholic School.

## Consonero

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the church, I know my family will be able to survive.

In conclusion, it is important that we remember to give to the church in whatever way that we can so that it will be accessible to all who need it. I urge you to support our parish so that it may continue to guide and console us in our needs. ✕



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