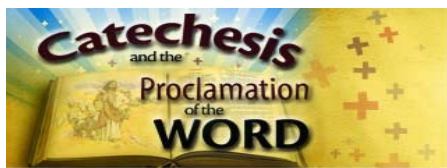


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Because the need in Haiti is so great and needed now, we have decided not to do a Lenten Service Project per se and are asking the children to sacrifice for those in Haiti now. Below is a list of items that are desperately needed for the many weeks to come.

We will be collecting donations for **Rays of Hope for Haiti, a Grand Rapids based nonprofit organization with experience in shipping humanitarian aid and relief supplies to Haiti for the past ten years.** Rays of Hope for Haiti has several programs promoting education, medical assistance, children's orphanages and feeding programs in Haiti. **You might recall this is who the kids helped last year for their Lenten Service Project.**

Rays of Hope from Haiti sent the following note:

In this time of crisis, Rays of Hope for Haiti needs your help. The disaster is overwhelming and any gift of material supplies and financial assistance is so greatly appreciated. All of our children's programs in the Port au Prince area have been devastated. In addition, we have confirmed reports of one of our orphanages collapsing with fatalities being among the young children. First we urgently ask you to pray with us for our families in Haiti. In addition we need to get immediate assistance to help our children and so many in the surrounding areas that have been impacted by this devastating earthquake.

We are looking for physical donations of the following items for immediate delivery to Haiti via air cargo or sea container:

Food Items (dry staples): Rice & Beans, Powdered and canned milk, Canned meat and tomatoes, Peanut butter, Cooking oil. Also **Medical Supplies** Non-expired over the counter medications, bandages, Ace bandages etc. and **Personal Care Items** Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Soap, Washcloths, Towels, Sheets, Blankets etc.

Our financial needs include funds to facilitate shipping of relief supplies to Haiti in the immediate as well as a long term effort to help rebuild after the immediate need is over. We also have need to help get medical attention to the children hurt by the collapse of their home and to find them alternative places to stay.

The children can bring items in on Wednesday's with them or you may drop items off during 9-4pm Mon-Fri to the Ministry Building located behind the School.

	<u>Catechist</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Sunday Morning			
Coordinator	Fran Egeler	364-0250	
PS	Laura Kuhnert	863-0314	Sarah Kuhnert
K	Carly Clark	874-6630	Samantha White
K	Devon Egan	284-7488	Karen Levandoski
K	Brent Clark	874-6630	Carly Clark/Samantha White
K	Lisa McNee	389-7030	Kim McNees
Gr 1	Valerie Whitlatch	784-9593	Teresa/Jamie Phillips

WED 4:30 PM			
Hall Monitor: Aimee Czarnopys			
Gr 1	Theresa Page	307-1098	Wolfe/Walsh/Pritula
Gr 2	Heidi Alt	647-9996	Lisa Norcutt
Gr 2	Ken Fey	361-0661	Mary Fey
Gr 3	Patty Staley	866-6412	Mary White
Gr 3	Beth Zambon	874-7572	Linda Polise
Gr 4	Mary Momber	784-2491	Stacy Prangle
Gr 5	Paul Grabiel	363-1781	Vansettters/Durfee
Gr 5	Fran Wilson	866-0318	Patricia Valliere
Gr 6	Greg Sokolowski	581-3247	Holly Kinlaw
Gr 7	No Catechist	Volunteer Needed	

WED 6:30 PM			
Hall Monitor: Bonnie Coleman			
Gr 1	Sally Schaberg	866-8173	<u>Need Volunteer</u>
Gr 2	Mary White	874-6320	Melissa Pischner-Stull
Gr 3	Rachelle Radtke	340-0719	<u>Need Volunteer</u>
Gr 4	Mike Bockheim	361-6522	Melissa Engvall
Gr 5	Fran Wilson	866-0318	Jay Burke/Michelle Murphy
Gr 6	Julie Staudacher	874-5508	Barbara VanderWerf
Gr 7	Rose Jonckheere	648-5796	Jodi Phaneuf

Upcoming

Schedule

Wednesday Evening

Jan 27 Class

1st Communion Parent Mtg #1

Feb 3 Class

Feb 10 Class

Feb 17 Ash Wed/Mass instead of Class

Feb 24 Class/Religious Ed Confessions

Sunday Morning

Jan 31 Class

Feb 7 Class

Feb 14 Class

Feb 21 Class

Feb 28 Class



Power of the Rosary



The following is a true story that occurred during World War II:

During the Second World War an atomic bomb was dropped on two Japanese cities: Hiroshima and Nagasaki. An extraordinary thing happened at Hiroshima. A small community of Jesuit Fathers lived in a church house near the parish church, situated only eight blocks from the center of the bomb blast. This notwithstanding, when Hiroshima was destroyed by the atomic bomb, all eight members of the small Jesuit community escaped unscathed, while every other person who was within a radius of approximately one and a half kilometers (almost 1 mile) from the center of the explosion died. The church house where the Jesuits lived was still standing, while the nearby church was completely destroyed. Father Hubert Shiffer was one of these Jesuit priests. He was 30 when the atomic bomb exploded at Hiroshima and lived another 33 years in good health. He recounted his experiences at Hiroshima during the Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia (USA) in 1976. At that time, all eight members of the Jesuit community were still alive. Father Shiffer and the others were examined and questioned by more than 200 scientists who were unable to explain how he and his companions had survived in the midst of thousands of dead. He attributed it to the protection of the Madonna. He declared: 'We were in the middle of the atomic explosion and we are still here alive and well. We were not struck down by its destruction. 'Furthermore, Father Shiffer maintained that for several years hundreds of experts and investigators continued to study and investigate the scientific reasons as to why the church house was not affected. He explained that in that house there was just one thing that was different: "*in that house the Holy Rosary was recited together every day.*"



We have for sale in the Ministry Center:

- 2 File Cabinets
- 2 Brown Steelcase Desks (60" x 30") w/ brown Formica tops 2 large drawers & 1 small
- 3 Office room dividers w/ connecting overhead cabinet and shelf.

Call Cheryl @ 361-5126 ex 257 to set up a time to see them. If they are something you can utilize in your home/office, make an offer. We would love to see someone get use out of them.

The proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Haiti relief fund.



Let's get very, very basic and very, very practical about prayer. The single most important piece of advice I know about prayer is also the simplest: /Just do it!/ The major obstacle in most of our lives to just saying yes to prayer, the most popular and powerful excuse we give for not praying, or not praying more, or not praying regularly, is that we have no time. The only effective answer to that excuse, I find, is a kind of murder. You have to kill something, you have to say no to something else, in order to make time to pray.

Quote by Peter Kreeft

Peter Kreeft is a fantastic speaker and he is coming to the Grand Rapids area for two separate speaking engagements.

Jan 28th -Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish @ 7:30pm
Topic is: Wisdom of Jesus

Jan 29th Aquinas College @ noon – 1:30 in the Wege Ballroom on 3rd floor in the Wege Center
Topic is: Seeking & Responding to Truth.

If you can't make one of these speaking engagements we encourage you to visit his website www.peterkreeft.com, read about him and hit the featured writings tab for many of the subjects he has spoken and written about. Well worth your time.

