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LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

*Nourishing the human spirit ~ mind, body, and soul ~
through Jesus Christ*

LAKER FAMILY UNITY NETWORK: LAKER F.U.N.

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Laker F.U.N. Directory of Officers, 2005-06

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Our first meeting of 2005-06 was on 9/14 where we finalized plans for October and mapped out our post-Halloween events. Take a look ~ there are opportunities galore to get involved.

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- **\$50 room donations** were made to LMCE staff members for use in classrooms or offices using proceeds from the 2004 **Thanksgiving Pie Sale and Cookie Walk**.
- **Donuts with Dad, Friday, 10/14, 7-8am** in the LMCE cafeteria. **Karen Ballard and her crew** are coordinating this before-school treat with Dad.
- **Halloween Dance Party, Saturday, 10/22, 6-8:30pm** at LMCE. **Lisa Iman, 556-5559**, is in charge of this famously fun family event with a DJ, games, candy, food, costumes and photos.
- **Fall Festival, Friday afternoon, 10/28.** Laker F.U.N. donated \$150 towards the purchase of crafts and games. **Kelly Spencer, 422-9556**, is our liaison.
- **Muffins with Mom, Friday 11/11, 7-8am** at LMCE. **Karen Ballard** is making a return appearance to organize the morning.
- **Homemade Holiday Pies!** Pies will be made to order the Sunday before Thanksgiving and may be picked up on **Wednesday, 11/23, after the All-School Mass** at the elementary school.
- **Cookie Walk** returns on **Sunday, 12/4 after all masses.** A good variety of cookies should be available after the all-school Band Concert that same day.

We are an active group and good company, too. Join us at the **next Laker F.U.N. meeting, 11/15, 6:30pm** for a social time followed by the 7pm business meeting.

Michele Armstrong, President

Laker F.U.N. Standing Committees

Along with Laker F.U.N.'s seasonal community-building events, several committees exist to fulfill our service role.

- **Welcoming Committee**, chaired by **Lisa Barta, 556-0102**, assists new Laker families with all the questions they have and gives a "gift and info" basket.
- **Sunshine Committee**, chaired by **Chan Marzke, 429-3993**, prepares meals and gives support to Laker families with new siblings, or who are experiencing sickness or death in the family.
- **Giving Tree**, overseen by **Renae Starr, 428-0339**, allows teachers to write "request leaves" for small and large classroom items. Once fulfilled, the leaf is placed on the tree in the Multi-Purpose Room. Anyone may select a leaf and donate items.
- **Birthday Committee**, organized by **Renae Starr** and **Lee Ann Russell**, presents LMCE staff members with goodies and cards.
- **Cash Back for Schools**, promoted by **Sharon Graeber**, gathers and submits receipts for the Orchards Mall incentive program.

Elementary Essentials with Mrs. Maher

The elementary school is off to a great start! We've welcomed our priests and new executive director as we always do...with a rousing performance of our fight song.

We have also welcomed **Ms. Kate Ulicny** as our special education teacher. She comes to us from Western Michigan University and is already making an impact with our special needs students.

Hurricane Katrina through its devastation has blessed us with new students from the **Skrmetta** and **Keiser** families. We are delighted to have them as Lakers for as long as they need to stay. They are daily reminders of the blessings we have and are able to share!

October brings the praying of the Rosary as a school family. Everyone is always welcome to join us at 8:05 to pray one decade of the Rosary each day, thereby completing the entire Rosary in a week. This student led prayer is one of my favorite school-wide activities!

Meet Kate Ulicny: LMCES New Special Ed. Instructor

"The potential of a child is the most intriguing and stimulating thing in all creation." ~ Ray L. Wilbur

These are the words that guide **Kate Ulicny, the new Special Education teacher** at Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School. Kate is originally from the Detroit area, where she attended Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Schools. Having gone through the Catholic school system, Kate knows how important religion is in the education of a child. It is because of those early schooling experiences that she decided to dedicate her life to working with children. A recent recipient of her BS from Western Michigan University in Elementary Education, Kate is currently enrolled in an accelerated program working toward a Master's degree in Special Education, also from WMU.

Assess Morning Stress

The beginning of the school year is a good time to evaluate and modify morning routines so each child* can arrive at school on time, ready to learn. Parents, answer "yes" or "no" to these questions:

1. **Before bed, my child gets organized.** Homework goes in the backpack. The backpack goes by the door. Clothes are laid out.
2. **I get up at least 15 minutes before my child.** It's not much time but a parent's presence establishes routine, expectations and authority.
3. **We have a routine that we follow daily.** Example: Getting dressed comes before eating breakfast. You *are* eating breakfast, right?
4. **I check the family calendar** for practices, sporting events, or important meetings and remind children of any changes in routine.
5. **I tell my child "I love you"** each morning. No matter how old they are, children need to hear those words!

How did you score? The more "yes" answers, the better-prepared children *and* parents are for a productive day.

**Child* defined: Hey, folks, that's anyone who is under 18. Hopefully, parents don't have to lay out clothes for the big ones, though.

Market Day: Harvest the Convenience

It's time to fall into the Market Day habit. We're talking daylight savings time everyday with the convenience of restaurant-quality entrees and "quick-prep" items from every food group.

Market Day offers two easy ways to process orders. Each month's flyer is attached to *The Navigator*, sent with the youngest LMC student, or available at LMCES or LMCMS/HS offices. Fill out the order form and attach payment by the deadline listed. Internet orders, with a safe on-line payment service, may always be placed at www.marketday.com. New or existing customers should use the **LMC Account #19457**. **October's on-line ordering deadline is 10/12/05**. Chairman **Kelly Spencer, 422-9556**, welcomes any questions.

Laker Fund-Raising: It's So Easy

Successful fund-raising plays an important part in the operations of our school but Fund-Raising Chairman **Chris Glendening** makes it easy with programs like **SCRIP**, the magazine sale, and just out of the chute, **Innisbrook Wraps and Gifts**.

SCRIP gift certificates are available at the Elementary and Middle/High Schools on a daily basis or through standing orders. The selection of merchants is amazingly broad. The buyer pays the face value for certificates that are purchased by the school at a discount. A one-to-one exchange for the buyer nets a profit for the school – it's painless.

Innisbrook Wraps and Gifts will be available for order from any LMC student now through October 18th. Products can be viewed in the catalog or on-line at www.innisbrook.com. Use our **ID number 116303** through the year for seasonal orders. Every order generates a 50% profit for our school.

Roger's Foodland \$\$ for Education: From 10/1/05 - 4/30/06, Roger's Foodland shoppers can collect register tapes and submit them to Lake Michigan Catholic for redemption at 1% of the purchase total. **Roger and Pam Seely** have committed up to \$5,000 to the program for the eligible period. Encourage friends and relatives to shop at Roger's and turn in their receipts to LMC. Shopping locally pays ~ in so many ways.

Are We Compatible? Free Printer Cartridges

Due to a packing error from Carrot Ink which was corrected at no cost, several color printer cartridges are available free to anyone with the following **Epson printers: C70, C80, C80N, or C80WN**. The cartridges, 2 yellow, 1 magenta, and 2 cyan, may be claimed by contacting **Jan Mathews at 429-0227**, or janicemathews@yahoo.com.

LMC Parents Praying Together

Prayer is the focus of the new group, LMC Parents Praying Together. Meeting on **Thursdays from 11am – 12pm in the Elementary Music Room**, PPT unites to pray for the intentions of the staff, students and families of Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to contact **Stacy Kryska, 428-9344**. Prayer petitions, anonymous and held in strict confidence, may be sent to jskryska@sbcglobal.net.

As an extension of Parents Praying Together, parents may receive on-line prayer petitions called "Knee-Mail." To participate, please send your e-mail address to Stacy at the above address. Members will receive an e-mail to post at home as a reminder of the daily prayer commitment. As with PPT, no names are included. Stacy, **428-9344**, is available to answer any questions.

Trek the Halls...

with Art instructor **Mary Dudding** as she shows off one of her summer projects: refreshed art in the LMCES hallways. Mary has redone everything with an eye for variety of style, period, and cultural representation. Of the art originally donated at the time the Elementary was constructed, some pieces were retained, others reframed, some replaced, and all pieces were identified with the expert help of parishioner **Diane Wolenslagel of Waterfront Framing**. As before, selected student work is framed and mounted among the professional examples. Each piece, whether created by the masters or our own students, has been inventoried and attributed to the artist. The Elementary teachers have always used the hallway art as part of cross-curricular instruction and will have fun reinvigorating those teaching units.

We've Reassigned the Pastors'...Portraits

Why should the Diocese have all the fun? But seriously, visitors to the LMCEs will find the pastors' portraits rearranged to reflect their particular role in the existence of our school. This is yet another project initiated by **Mary Dudding**, who was literally "climbing the walls" this summer. **Bishop Paul Donovan, Msgr. Eugene Sears, Fr. Brendan Tarrier, O.P.** and **Fr. David Adams'** portraits have a prominent spot together in our main office. These four men, dedicated to the Church and Catholic education, were responsible for guiding the construction of our new elementary school 15 years ago. Moved to a special place of honor at the main entry are the portraits of **Pope Benedict XVI** and **Bishop James Murray**, who together demonstrate the Church's teaching magisterium, and remind us that our mission as educators and students is directly tied to the mission of the Catholic Church.

Your Direct Line to Laker Athletics

Mr. Stefanich and Mrs. Nielsen have been dedicated to Laker Athletics for years ~ now their phone line is, too. Dialing **983-3154 will connect the caller directly to Athletic Secretary Mary Nielsen's office**. If she is not available, voicemail options will be offered to leave Mary a message, listen to the updated weekly schedule, or transfer to or leave voicemail for Wayne Stefanich. This enhancement will serve families, other schools' athletic departments, and event officials much more efficiently. Mr. Stefanich and Mrs. Nielsen may still be reached through the general LMC Middle/High School number of 983-2511.

Blue Tide Athletic Boosters Association

The Blue Tide year started way back in August with the **13th Annual Blue Tide Golf Scramble** at BHCC. Under the leadership of **Jeff Nuter, Tim Foley** and **Helen Marzke**, the Scramble raised over \$21,000 for Laker athletics. The generosity and support shown by the LMC family and the community in large is truly overwhelming! Moving onto new projects, we have two on the front burner.

- **Laker spirit apparel** is in the design stages. **Chris McQuillan and her committee of LMC moms** are working on the 2005 collection of t-shirts, hoodies, mesh shorts, and more. Watch for order forms and show your true Laker colors.

- **\$10,000 Raffle is back!** Three lucky tickets will be drawn during halftime of the Boys Varsity Basketball game on 2/3/06. Tickets will be available for distribution within the next month. At only \$10.00 each, they make great Christmas stocking or card stuffers.

All funds raised by Blue Tide are used to support LMC athletics through acquisition of uniforms, equipment, trainer, and more. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, 10/12 at 7:00pm** in the LMCMS/HS cafeteria. Your attendance and ideas are encouraged and welcome. Thank you for your continued support! **Go Lakers!**

Tom Hanley, President

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This year, through the generosity of you and donors like you, the Twin-City Area Catholic School Fund was able to provide scholarships to 142 students from 76 different families. This represents nearly 27% of the student population of Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. Thanks to you, these fine young people have the opportunity to learn and grow in our caring Catholic community.

6th Graders Get their Feet Wet: “Beach Sweep”

On 9/15, just two weeks into the school year, 6th Grade advisor Mrs. Laurie Marszalec led the entire class to Silver Beach for their first Christian service project, Beach Sweep. The students worked for 2 hours, enthusiastically and without complaint, picking up things most of us wouldn't touch. The fun didn't end there as students sorted and tallied the detritus to help gather data to aid research aimed at keeping our beaches clean. One thing is clear: boaters and beach-goers need to be more conscientious. Mrs. Marszalec was proud of her students' efforts and the support of their parents. What a successful event to build upon ~ great job, everyone!

Don't Get Your Wires Crossed: Connect with Youth-to-Youth

High School Y2Y teens' next meeting will be **Sunday, 10/9, 7:30-9pm** in the LMCHS cafeteria. The groups' central principle remains to encourage and support students in making positive choices and to model, through interaction with peers and younger students, that fun does not require alcohol or drugs. Students or parents are welcome to contact **Ms. Schmid**, HS Y2Y advisor, or **Mrs. Marszalec**, MS Y2Y advisor, at **983-2511** with any questions.

Applause, Applause: Peter M.

Laker senior **Peter M.** has been named a semifinalist in the *2006 National Merit Scholarship* program. With an interest in engineering, Peter has applied to Notre Dame, the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve, and for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. While waiting for the word from his chosen programs, Peter can be found running cross-country. Congratulations, Peter, for being a model of intellectual and physical fitness.

Little Laker Preschool & Preschool Plus with Mrs. Grundy

The Preschool portion of our early childhood program is going through some changes this year. For the first time we are offering a two-day program for children who are toilet trained and will be three years old by September 1st. This class is meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 10:30am. The children are learning social skills such as sharing, taking turns and observing personal space as well as discovering the world around them with their senses and with a Catholic perspective.

The four-year-old children meet three mornings a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the same time period. In addition, these children are learning letter recognition through the *Zoophonics* program, which was successfully introduced two years ago when the current Preschool was initiated. These children will enjoy a well-rounded program of social, emotional, physical, religious and academic learning. After several weeks of learning about themselves, their friends and their school, these youngsters have started the alphabet with 'allie alligator' and have taken to a special field trip to Fernwood Botanical Gardens where they saw the "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs" display.

The Preschool Plus class, previously called Junior Kindergarten, meets in the afternoon five days a week. These children are our young five-year-olds who meet for half a day. The program uses the Letter People as its phonics program. Social, emotional, physical, musical and academic experiences, combined with our religious program, prepare these children for Kindergarten. Thus far, Mr. M and Ms. T have become household names with our children. Singing their songs and learning their sounds has been the major focus. This group also attended the "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs" display at Fernwood.

Protecting God's Children Training, 10/6, 6:30pm at LMCES

**Anyone working with children in any capacity at Catholic schools or parishes,
MUST attend a *Protecting God's Children* training session.**

This one-time program is mandated by the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

To register, go to www.virtus.org or call LMCES, 429-0227, with questions.

Kindergarten with Mrs. Fields & Mrs. Kuehn

The Kindergartners have had a great start to the school year. Our color unit was so much fun, especially finger-painting with shaving cream. We are learning about spiders and what amazing creatures they are. Insect study is underway we ventured out to beautiful Fernwood Botanical Gardens to learn more about them. The children are also traveled to the fire station in St. Joseph. It was fun to see how these community helpers live and work and we appreciate what they do for us.

Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Kuehn send a big thank you to all who attended Back-to-School Night and volunteered to help out in our classrooms. The best way to start the year is with the support of all our parents, at home and at school.

First Grade with Mrs. Faris & Mrs. Petsovich

The 1st Graders are off to a great start! The children are doing a terrific job adapting to 1st Grade policies and procedures. We send **BIG THANKS** to all of our parents who have volunteered to help with our individual reading and Math Center programs!

Welcome to our new student, **Andriejus**, who joins our Laker family for a wonderful year of following Jesus. As a matter of fact, **Jesus** has already been a spelling word this year!

The students and teachers appreciate and look forward to another year of Wednesday Masses, Religion Class, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and all of our "Specials." We have all noticed and already have studied some of the beautiful new artwork in the hallways. In our first unit study of the year, we appreciated the works of Van Gogh and Seurat. We give thanks for the generosity of our Laker and parish families who make our school a wonderful place.

Second Grade with Mrs. Hanley & Mr. Deja

Wow! We're in 2nd Grade! We feel so grown up now, and we can do so much. The students love our Book-in-a-Bag program and are reading up a storm. Our math facts got a little rusty over the summer, but with the help of the Math Center moms our skills are already improving. The best improvement is having **Sarah** and **Alex** join our classes!

Our classes began the year with a science unit studying the earth. We have learned about volcanoes and rocks, and took a great trip to Lion's Park Beach to collect rocks that we later sorted and classified. Though our trip was delayed by several days due to welcome but untimely rains, the 2nd Graders agree on this: *What a wonderful world God has made, rain or shine!*

Third Grade with Mrs. Bodley & Mrs. Bruder

The 3rd Graders are having a terrific start to the year. We are settling into our routines and the days are running smoothly. Our new student **Nakisha** and back-from-Italy **Andrew** have jumped right into the Laker routine!

Please join us on our special days when we plan and celebrate Mass on Wednesdays throughout the year. Mrs. Bodley's class planned the Mass on September 28th and Mrs. Bruder's class will participate on October 5th. Please join us on our special days!

In Science, the students are working on desert animal reports to share with the class. Social Studies class brings the opportunity to learn about hurricanes and work on mapping. The stories in the news certainly have brought the importance of Science and Social Studies into focus!

Book-It begins October 1st. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials. All 3rd Graders are required to read 120 minutes each week, either individually or with a parent.

**Navigator co-sponsors Kurt & Michele Armstrong
with Andrew & Angela say,**

"Welcome back to 2005-06 at LMC!"



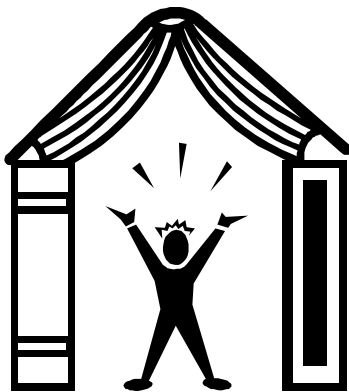
Fourth Grade with Mrs. Binger & Mrs. Zetts

Fourth Grade has made us all a little buggy. In Science to learn the Scientific Method, we are experimenting with mealworms. By now most of them have turned into beetles and have little eggs and mealworms of their own. We also dissected dead insects and looked at their parts close up in the microscopes. The butterflies have emerged and all thirty-five of them seem to enjoy 4th Grade, too. In Computers each of us is doing an electronic report on an insect. The newts and snake that live in our room are looking very happy. We think they like us studying entomology. **by Corry H.**

In Social Studies we have been learning map skills and how the globe is set up. We even got to create our own continent. We made maps of our continents with nations and a key of important landforms and places. **by Meghan I.**

The 4th Graders are all finishing up the first book that we are writing this year. We are writing mystery stories. We are also finishing up our electronic reports on insects. We do *a lot* of writing in the 4th Grade. **by Marie A.**

The best thing that has happened this year is that we have a new guy in our class. His name is **Sherwin**. The school Sherwin went to before was St. Thomas Central in Kerala, India. He has a brother named Sherron who is in Kindergarten. Sherwin likes to read and bike. His favorite subject in school is Math. He said what he likes best about LMC are the prayers and the songs. We are happy he is here with us. **by Hannah S.**



Fortune favors the prepared mind.

Louis Pasteur, 1822 – 1895
chemist ~ microbiologist ~ Catholic

Fifth Grade with Mrs. Puplis & Mrs. Fish

We are looking forward to teaching you.
Everyone can be a star!
Loving God, we worship together.
Community service is our focus.
One person can make a difference.
Meet *Maria*, our new student.
Enter into a whole new world of learning.

Finish your work.
Isis: welcome back!
Feel the need to challenge yourself.
Treat people with respect.
Humor is allowed!

Good grades are our goal.
Remember to save paper bags for the CCC.
Ask for help when you need it.
Don't forget your homework.
Everyone needs help now and then.
Redo your work; do your best.
Success is yours to achieve!

Good Counsel with Mrs. Smart

The **Conflict Manager Program** at LMCES begins in October. The 3rd Graders will be trained during the first two weeks of October. The 4th and 5th Graders who were Conflict Managers last year will meet for a short review and should be ready the first week of October.

A Conflict Manager:

- listens to kids tell their stories.
- tries to understand the problem.
- helps kids work together to solve problems.
- helps kids think of ideas to solve the conflict.
- helps kids make an agreement to resolve their problems.

Any 3rd, 4th, or 5th Grader interested in becoming a Conflict Manager, should fill out an application and get it to Mrs. Smart as soon as possible. Look for the Conflict Managers on the playground soon!

Also coming soon: new resources on bullying and teasing. A school's peaceful atmosphere is no accident. Reading new research and learning new techniques is part of LMC's ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and loving learning community.

Technology with Mrs. Barden

Each year, a technology fee is collected from each student at registration. These funds are used exclusively to upgrade technology throughout the Lake Michigan Catholic School system based upon a 5-year rotating schedule for the complete replacement of the school's computers as a part of the long-term plan established by the Technology Committee. With the purchases made this year, we are within 95% of reaching this goal. For the 2005-06 school year to date, the Technology Committee has purchased the following items:

- **16 Dell Optiplex 170L desktop computers** distributed throughout the LMCES, MS & HS to replace 5-6 year old equipment
- **15 Dell monochrome laser printers** distributed throughout the LMCES, MS, & HS to provide faster, higher quality printouts at a lower cost
- **1 Dell color laser printer** networked through the ES computer lab & classrooms for faster, cheaper student printouts and large-volume jobs
- **1 Dell laptop** computer for Mr. Berlin
- **10 network switches** for printers
- **15 128-Mb memory sticks** for ES teachers to facilitate file transport for working at home
- **1 DVD player** for the MS
- **2 150-Gb hard drives** to expand storage space on the MS/HS server, allowing mirrored backup
- **Science software** to augment the MS Science curriculum & enhance MEAP performance

In addition, LMC was fortunate to receive \$13,000 from the Twin Cities Area Catholic School Fund Technology Endowment. This gift enabled us to purchase an additional:

- **14 Dell Optiplex 170L desktop computers** with flat screen displays
- **2 Dell high-resolution projectors**, one each for Elementary and Middle/High schools.
- **1 Acer laptop** computer for the MS COW as a lower cost "test replacement" for the mobile wireless computer system

Musical Notes with Mrs. Gallagher

Music class moved to a new home this summer into a beautiful, brightly colored classroom and the singing has been even more "AWESOME." The children are making a joyful noise every Wednesday as we come together as a Catholic community and really celebrate Mass. Parents and guests are always welcome to join us. The children have been reminded that when they attend Laker sporting events, they are to stand and sing with GUSTO our school fight song ~ every time it is played. This is how we show Laker Pride and, sing it now, *we want to tell all of Michigan that WE ARE FROM LMC!*

After-School Care News with Mrs. Zilke

Our ever-changing group of After-School Care kids has been busy in our new location, Room 7, and has gotten acquainted with old and new friends. Though homework is a top priority after a snack and play break, After-School Care kids have special themes throughout the year, share a weekly Bible story with crafts, and take "trips" to a foreign country each month. We have already enjoyed an awesome apple week with lots of tasty treats including caramel apples and started the world tour right here in the good old USA. Our patriotic windsocks look terrific. September will end in a furry flurry with "Purrfect Pets" and an eagerly awaited surprise animal that **Mrs. Lia Hartline** will bring to visit us.

Regarding enrollment, our childcare license permits 50 children to be present on any given day. While many parents make use of the program daily, partial weeks can be arranged as well as occasional use. **New this year is all-day care on scheduled half-days.** To attend, the first step is to complete a specific After-School Care enrollment form and submit an enrollment fee. This permits correct staffing ratios and assurance that the program is in compliance with license limitations. With After-School Care enrollment on file, occasional users may simply give a 24-hour notice so child(ren) may stay the following day, space permitting. Please contact program director, **Sue Zilke, 429-0227, balto82096@aol.com** with any questions.

Scouting Around at LMC

To All Den and Troop Leaders: Be sure to watch your e-mail for monthly reminders to submit your Scouting activities to *The Navigator*. The Scouting program is so well-rounded and dovetails beautifully with the students' religion studies. *Every Scout deserves recognition for demonstrating the commitment to his or her den or troop. Send your e-mail contact for the person handling correspondence to janicemathews@yahoo.com.*

1st Grade Brownie Troop #542: We welcomed Brownies **Brianna A., Kelley G., Morgan G., Reagan H., Madeline J., Madelyn M., Hannah S., Elizabeth S., and Emily Z.** and troop newcomer, **Chandler R.** The girls worked on their first Try-It, *Friends Are Fun*, learned about the Brownie Ring and recited the Girl Scout Promise. The troop would also like to send a special thank you to **Mrs. Kathy Allen** for volunteering during the meeting. We are looking forward to the next meeting on Monday, October 10th.

3rd Grade Brownie Troop #558: We welcome new Brownie **Nakisha V.** to our troop of 17 active girls. Two nights of overnight camping in cabins at Camp Shawadasee and cooking over an open flame kicked-started our year. That trip was followed by another, thanks to **Mr. and Mrs. Todd Adent** and **Mr. Bob Dongvillo**, to a grape vineyard to learn about Michigan's grape industry and earn our *Grape Stomp* Try-It. At this pace, their last year of Brownies before becoming Junior Girl Scouts will be fantastic.

2nd Grade Wolf Den: Our den is growing. **Alex L.** joined our Cubs and is looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned. The boys started on the path toward their Wolf badge by completing the *Feats of Skill* achievement. With the help of **LMC 9th Grader and Life Scout Billy H.**, the boys turned somersaults, jumped, ran, threw balls and walked straight edges. He even helped them earn their basketball belt loop. We appreciate his help as well as the generosity of the Webelos II den, which helped us out by sharing their den chief, Billy, with us for the evening.

3rd Grade Bear Den: Welcome back, Bears ~ and a special welcome to **Andrew B.**, our newest Bear. It didn't take long for our Scouts to get right in the groove. We kicked off the year the old west way by designing and making genuine cowboy hats. We continued our western theme into the Pack meeting where the boys lassoed some wild steer, and dodged some "snakes." Then our boys showed their comic skills by putting on a hilarious skit, suitable for a Wyoming saloon. Next up for the Bears? The boys will test their archery skills at a local range! Stay tuned!

4th Grade Webelos II: The boys enter their last year of Cub Scouting with lots of enthusiasm. The Scouts have started working on their *Readyman* activity badge learning first aid and how to be prepared for emergencies. October's agenda features a campout with the Boy Scouts from Pack 624 where the boys will be shooting muskets, shotguns and archery at the Sportsman's Club.

Cub Scout Pack #624: Summer brought the Scouts together ~ almost 40 of them and their parents ~ at Camp Rota-Kiwan to learn new skills. Pack members stayed connected by attending a Silverhawks baseball game and stadium campout.

As the school year resumed, we spurred membership our first Pack meeting with a Round Up theme, with our cowpokes arriving in their best westernwear, jumping the rattlesnake and roping some steers. The Pack rounded up 15 new Scouts in the process. The 1st Grade Tiger Den shot up to 13 eager new Scouts and our Wolf and Bear dens each added a new member. Returning Scout leader **Mr. Charlie Kormanik** will lead the Tigers with the help of **Mr. Frank DeFrancesco**. Welcome to everyone!

Help Keep the Scout Program Poppin' with Trails End Popcorn

It's that time again ~ our Cub Scouts are selling popcorn under the direction of our returning **Popcorn Kernel, Mr. Sean Juza**. The Trails End popcorn sale is the only fund-raiser conducted by the Pack. Look for a Laker Scout, try a few varieties of popcorn and support your Catholic Cub Scout Pack.

**It's Your Church Home:
Make Yourself Comfortable**

T-N-T ('Tweens-N-Truth), the middle school youth group meets **every Wednesday, 7-8:30pm at the Rose Center**. If you've never been to TNT, you don't know what you've been missing! Bring your friends for a TNT blast!

LIFE TEEN is on track for the fall semester! All 9th-12th Graders are invited to the **Sunday 6:00pm Mass** followed by some great food and great times at **LIFE Night, 7-9pm at the Rose Center!** Bring your friends!

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF presents POPPLE ~ LIVE & IN CONCERT! All high-schoolers are invited to a night of music, food, and lots of laughs with "Popple!" on **Sunday, 10/16, after the 6:00pm Mass at the Rose Center!** It's free! Bring as many friends as you want. Check out Popple's website at [www.popple.us!](http://www.popple.us)

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF DRAWING! Attention 9th-12th Graders! To enter the drawing, complete and turn in a LIFE TEEN Info Card after the Sunday 6:00pm Mass on 10/2, 9, or 16. To win, you must be present at the LIFE Night Kick-off on Oct 16th. Improve your chances by:

1. Signing up to be a Liturgical Minister for the Sunday 6:00pm Mass and attending the required training and/ or
2. Signing in at LIFE Night or after Mass on one or more of the following dates: 10/2, 9, and 16.

Check out the prizes! 1st: SanDisk mp3 Player 2nd: 2 tickets to ND vs. Navy football game 3rd: Celebration Cinema \$25 Gift Card 4th: iTunes \$15 Gift Card 5th: Casting Crowns CD.

TEC OPPORTUNITY: All young adults in 12th Grade up to age 24 are invited **To Encounter Christ (TEC), 11/4 – 6 at St. Ann's Parish in Gull Lake**. The cost is \$50, which includes food and lodging, for three incredible days. Scholarships are available as needed. Register ASAP! Info. packets are available at the back of St. Joseph Catholic Church (Downtown & South). **Call Karl Dolson, 983-3807**, at the Youth Ministry Office with questions!

**St. Joseph Parish
Liturgical Minister Training Schedule**

St. Joseph Parish welcomes all who have chosen to serve the Church as altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers, and readers. Proper training is an integral part liturgical service. Sessions will be held in the Downtown church on the following dates. Questions may be directed to **Mike Kiebel, liturgyandmusic@hotmail.com**.

Altar Servers (5th Grade and up, having already received First Communion):

- **Sunday, October 2, 7:30pm**
- **Saturday, October 8, 10:00am**
- **Tuesday, October 11, 7:00pm**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Age 18 and up, Catholic and confirmed):

- **Sunday, October 9, 7:00pm**

Readers (Age 18 and up, Catholic and confirmed):

- **Sunday, October 23, 7:00pm**

**Scripture Study in the Catholic Tradition
on the Gospel of Mark**

Though the beginners' sessions have passed, the regular segment of Scripture Study in the Catholic Tradition (SSCT) on the Gospel of Mark is meeting **Tuesday afternoons, 9/20–11/22 from 12:15–2pm** at St. Bernard's Catholic Church or **Tuesday evenings, 9/20–11/22 from 7:00–8:45pm** at the Rose Center. At the St. Bernard's site, a nursery is available for infants and toddlers to 36-months, as well as *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, a Montessori format program, for preschool children 3-5 years to attend while adults participate in the Tuesday afternoon sessions.

Please consider joining this further exploration of the Catholic faith. Registration is required to assure adequate materials for adults and supervision of children. Contact **Ron Demblowski, Religious Education, at 983-7797 or via e-mail at reo@qtm.net** with questions or to register.