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Welcome New 4th Dayers!!

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Men

April 1-3, 2011
Timothy Barnes
Alan Bost
Kevin Dvorak
Tom Grady
Nino Greco
Greg Keane
Tony LaMar
Jerry Loos
Dan Maher
Marc Montanye
Mike Mohs
Greg Morrison

Women

April 8-10, 2011
Julie Dvorak
Linda Ford
Kami Landenberger
Sara Lechowicz
Joan McDonough
Kim Mohs
Jenny Morrison
Jinam Reinhold
Heather Stevens
Jeanie Taylor
Kim Turner
Cathy Vierregger
Karen Wise
Michele Wise

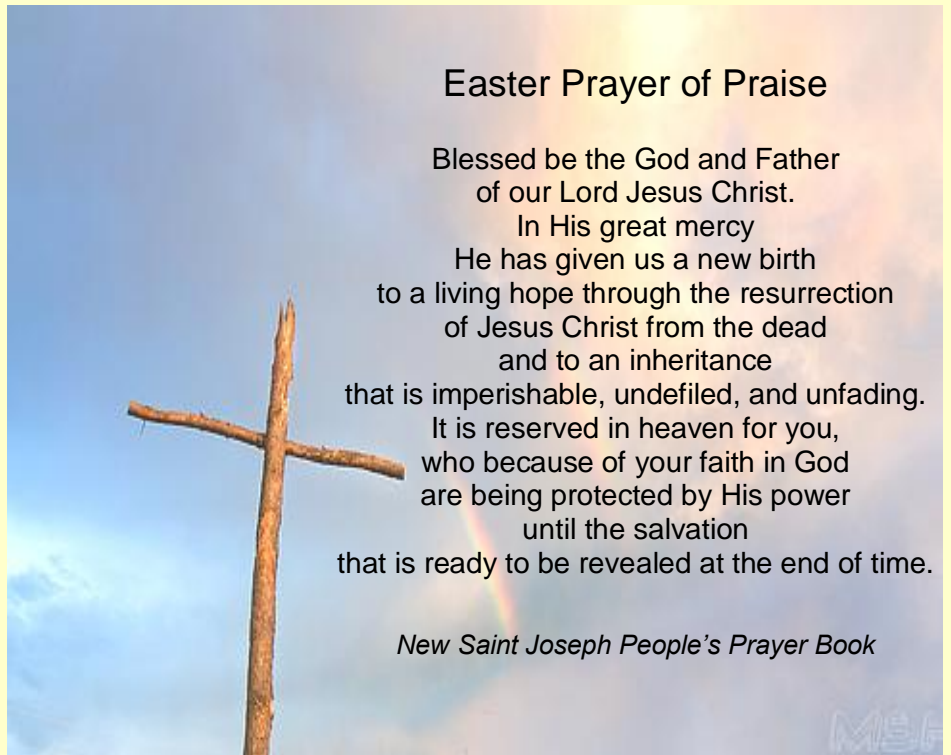
*"So whoever is in Christ
is a new creation: the old
things have passed
away; behold, new
things have come."*

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Easter Prayer of Praise

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In His great mercy
He has given us a new birth
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead
and to an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
It is reserved in heaven for you,
who because of your faith in God
are being protected by His power
until the salvation
that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book



Upcoming CEC Events

2011

Fall Weekends

Men October 7-9

Women October 14-16

Location:

The Archdiocesan Retreat and
Conference Center (ARCC)
3330 N 60th St (Bldg D)

Fourth Day Mass:

6:30 pm Sunday in the Archdiocese
Retreat & Conference Center
3330 N 60th St (Bldg D)

Palanca:

Palanca is our individual support to
each other. The Lever that holds us
up through our weekend and through
our lives.

Please drop off palanca Friday
evening until noon Sunday at the
main door of the ARCC in the white
palanca box.



From the President

Al Peters

The last few weeks have been very busy at the Peters' house. Our daughter Bridget got married on April 2 and there were MANY activities leading up to that wonderful event. As I pondered on a topic for this newsletter, nothing came to mind, except a book I read about a month ago. That book was Heaven Is For Real, by Tony Burpo. I heard Rick Bellino witness about the book at an Ultreya. Then my wife, Christine, read it and said I would love it. She was right. I could hardly put it down once I started reading it. In one paragraph, I'd be laughing, and in the next I'd be crying. I HIGHLY recommend it. I won't ruin it for you, but it's the story of a 4-year old's experience and description of heaven.

God spoke to me in several ways through this book. One reminder was to have a childlike faith. Not "childish" (like my behavior sometimes), but "childlike:" that is, totally trusting in God for my well-being. Granted, I am called to do things for myself and others, but in the end, I am to rest assured that God will take care of me.

Secondly, it inspired me to long for heaven. Too often, in the "busyness" of my day, I put God on the back burner. This book reminded me that my TRUE home is heaven. As I read the book, my favorite Scripture passage came to mind, which is Psalm 42:2-3: "As the deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you, my God."

Thirdly, the book reminded me just how much God loves us. As I strive to improve spiritually, I sometimes get down on myself and get frustrated. I believe we do need to stay humble, but along the way on our Spiritual Journey here on earth, we also have to remember that God loves us. And Colton Burpo reminded his dad a number of times that God loves us A LOT!

So, my prayer for you is that you develop and maintain a childlike faith in God, that you joyfully yearn for heaven as you do God's work here on earth, and that you remember just how much God loves you. DE COLORES!

Al Presidente (aka, Al Peters)

Post CEC Committee

*Kathy Jackson
Sybil Haller*

Thanks to all who came out on March 13th to show our appreciation for our Deacons! We had a great time.

Welcome to all new 4th dayers! What a blessing to have you in this wonderful community! And thanks to all who came to the closings. Many thanks to Fr. Damian Zuerlein, Deacon Joe Laird and all who helped at the men's closing mass, especially Mary Ann Gaddie and Carol Windler, who took our place as we were each out of town. And thanks to Fr. Richard Reiser and Deacon Dave Fishman and all who helped with the women's closing. Thanks also to all the musicians, lectors and EMHC's who always say yes when asked!

Our next big event is the annual Mass on the Green and Pancake Breakfast at Cooper Farm. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th beginning with mass at 9:00. Fr. Damian has once again said yes to being our celebrant!

Between now and then we will try to do another fun(d) raiser at Culvers, so check your e-mail. Speaking of e-mail, thanks to Bob Gaddie for always getting the e-mails delivered! (and this is coming from an active and a retired postal clerk...ha-ha)

Hope to see all of you at ultreyas and upcoming events.

CEC Committee Chair

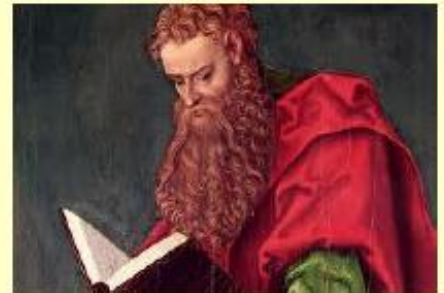
LaDonna France

No Report.

PRE CEC CHAIR

Brenda Benskin

I am looking for CEC Parish Representatives. If you are interested in being the contact person for your parish, please contact me at 402-686-3775.



A Prayer to the Apostle Paul

*Glorious St. Paul,
Most zealous Apostle,
Martyr for the love of Christ,
Give us a deep faith,
A steadfast hope,
A burning love for our Lord;
So that we can
proclaim with you,
"It is no longer I who live,
but Christ
Who lives in me."
Help us to become apostles
Serving the Church
with a pure heart,
Witnesses to
her truth and beauty
Amidst the darkness
of our days.
With you we praise God,
our Father:
"To Him be the glory,
in the Church
and in Christ,
now and forever."
Amen.*

Breaking News.....

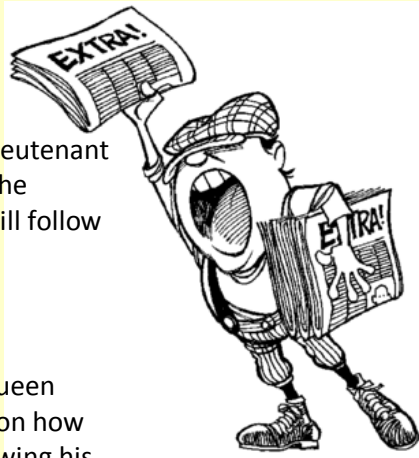
Fr. Andrew Sohm

Fr. Andrew will be commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force on May 7th at St. Stephen the Martyr Church at 9:00 a.m. A reception will follow and all are invited to attend.

More on Fr. Andrew Sohm.....

Please join us at the **May 20th** Mary Our Queen Ultreya to hear Fr. Andrew Sohm witness on how God has called him to the Air Force. Following his witness, the 4th Day Community will honor him with a "send-off", and as always music and snacks will be plentiful.

Father has been a very active member of the CEC community and will be greatly missed.



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Prayer Line Information

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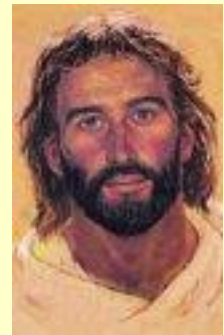
Group Reunion

Contact Randy Veik if seeking
to join a group
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CEC G & G Praise Music

G&G MUSIC JAM

No Report



This & That, & Then Some . . .

Become Involved in your OALC

OALC Committees could use your help. Wanted: Interested 4th Dayers who would like to help with events throughout the year. Planners, worker bees or clean up folks should call Al Peters at 917-5357.

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring your Friend to Christ

Does your Parish have a CEC Representative? Would you like to be that person? If so, contact Dave Eastlack at 932-5112.

Ultreya

The 4th Day would love to hear from you. Your witness keeps our fire burning. If you have a witness to share, contact any Ultreya representative. They will be happy to hear from you.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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Newsletters are published in the Spring and Fall following the weekends. If you do not have access to the internet or have email access only, please contact me at for an electronic or paper version of the Newsletter.

Omaha Area Leadership Council

The Omaha Area Leadership Council meets monthly. Meetings are held at Mary Our Queen from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. **All are welcome to attend. Come join us - learn what Leadership is up to.**

2011 Meeting Dates:

January 9	June & July no meeting
February 13 following the Workshop at MOQ	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 17	October 23
May 15	November 13



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Ultreyas

Date & Time	Location	Representatives	
1 st Friday 7:30pm	St. Margaret Mary Suneg Center - 61 st & Dodge	Kathy Rosenberg 333-9583 Cindy Ourada 505-3738	Krosenbe12@yahoo.com cljnjcjm@hotmail.com
1 st Saturday 9:00pm	St. Patrick's - Fremont (following 8:00 am Mass)	Mary Flies 721-8996 Kathy Luther 721-9587	Mflies402@msn.com
2 nd Friday 7:30pm	St. Philip Neri Basement 8200 N 30 th (side door)	Rick & LaDonna France	RFrance@cox.net
3 rd Friday 8:00pm	Mary Our Queen Parish Center 3405 S 118 th St	Barb Eastlack 932-5112	Beastlack@cox.net
3 rd Saturday 7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Ann (Pot Luck) Parish Center - 114 th & Fort	Brenda Benskin 686-3775	Brendablee2000@yahoo.com
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CEC develops in adult Christians an awareness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of evangelization, and provides support to sustain them as they persevere in their work as Christian leaven in family, civic, social and economic life. This support is provided through their ongoing participation in the 4th day reunions. In a Group reunion, 4-5 people meet weekly to reflect, pray and encourage each other in their discipleship. Ultreya is a reunion of the larger 4th Day Community. At an Ultreya, the community spirit of the weekend is continued through group reunion, witness, reflection on the witness, shared prayer and fellowship.

Ultreyas and Group Reunions

Ultimately it is the sponsor's responsibility to assist their candidate in finding or starting a Group Reunion and attending Ultreyas.

(Gleamed from Sponsor Responsibilities from the CEC Website:

I am willing to keep in close contact with my candidate(s) after the weekend: Invite them to an Ultreya at least 3 times; help them get started in a Group Reunion; and check just to see how things are going in their life.)

With that being said, occasionally individuals may need additional assistance finding a "Group", or "new Group".

If you are looking for a Small Group or if you have room for another person (or two) in your group, please contact Randy Veik at rveik@cox.net.

Check out the CEC website for additional information.
<http://www.cecomaha.org>

4th Day Community

Not working the weekend, and want to help?

Are you asking yourself, "What can I do?"

Here are some great ways YOU can be a part of the weekends:

PRAY

for team and candidates.

WRITE

Palanca for team and candidates.

DONATE

*Food - monetary contributions are always welcomed.
 (contact kitchen & prayer team coordinators)*

SUPPORT

The team and the NEW 4th DAY by attending the closings.

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