

January 3, 2010

News Along 15A

Rush Henrietta Catholic Community Census: Part 2

As you may remember, during the months of March, April, May and June, the 3 Parishes of the Rush Henrietta Catholic Community (Guardian Angels, Good Shepherd & St. Joseph's) conducted a census. 1780 families, out of a possible 2489 registered families, completed the census. A volunteer team of parishioners from each parish worked together to compile the information gathered. The census was composed of 2 parts. **Part 2 was the survey questions.**

Question 1: What can the RHCC do to be more welcoming?

The majority of respondents said they felt the parishes were already very welcoming. Areas for improvement included: more kid (pre-school thru teenage) and family friendly activities, more outreach to newcomers and the inactive, more use of greeters, more social activities among the 3 parishes, more activities for senior citizens, including home visitation.

Question 2: What helps you pray/grow in your faith? Respondents indicated that Mass and the Eucharist were most important. Other important areas mentioned were: Bible/Scripture studies, Church ministries/prayer, small faith sharing groups, fellowship, and quality liturgy.

Question 3: What programs/activities can the parishes provide that would meet the needs of you and your family?

The majority of respondents indicated that all was fine. Suggested areas for improvement include: activities for young adults and teens, family programs and activities for pre-K through grade 6, programs for senior citizens/retirees during the day, social occasions & coffee hours, and adult religious education opportunities.

Question 4: Do you consistently attend one parish or do you float among many?

Approximately 85-90% of respondents said they attend their own parish.

Question 5: What is the best way for the parish to get information to you?

US Mail was the overwhelming preference. Bulletin/newsletter, email and announcements in church, in that order, were also preferred.

Next up: Overall observations and conclusions!

"3 Tue-Gether
Adult Enrichment Evening"
presents:

"FAITH ALIVE! Holy Spirit at Work in Our Lives" Fr. Bob Werth

from Peace of Christ Clustered Community

will make us think in
very practical ways.

**Tuesday, January 19, 7pm
St. Joseph's Rush**

RCIA will be gather at Guardian Angels at 12:15pm this Sunday. Topic: "The Consistent Life Ethic/Dignity of Life." All are welcome to attend each session. Please pray for our candidates on their faith journey!

Rush Henrietta Catholic Community Prayer Shawl Ministry

To join this ministry, to request a shawl for a person, or to just find out more about it, please contact Barb Dera (359-0795), Mary Ellen Arden (334-1906), or Carolyn Gaffney (334-3989).

There are two active groups that meet regularly. One group meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:30pm. This group rotates between members homes. Call Carolyn Gaffney for more information. The second group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Panera Bread on Marketplace Drive at 7:00pm. Call Barb Dera for more information on this group. Members can choose to come to any of these gatherings. Some members complete their shawls at home and drop them off to be blessed and distributed. *All completed shawls are blessed by the group before they are distributed.*

**Currently our supply of prayer shawls is low.
Please bring in any completed shawls you may have.
Shawls can be dropped off at any of the church
offices or call Barb, Mary Ellen or Carolyn above.
Thank You!**

Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community of Good Shepherd, Guardian Angels & St. Joseph's

Mission Statement: We are a Christ-centered community of Catholic Churches working towards the spiritual renewal of all. As we pursue that hope and dream together, our common Mission Statement calls us: to carry on the work and teaching of Jesus through Imitation, Proclamation, Celebration and Social Transformation.

Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Good Shepherd: 4:30pm, 9:00am & 11:00am

Guardian Angels: 4:00pm, 8:00am & 10:30am

St. Joseph's: 5:00pm, 8:00am & 10:30am

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Good Shepherd: Mon., Wed., Thurs.-6:30am; Tues.-9:00am

Guardian Angels: Mon., Tues., Wed.-8:15am

St. Joseph's: Mon., Tues., Fri.-8:00am; Thurs.-12:00pm

Sacraments

Baptisms: Arrangements should be made in advance.

Reconciliation: **GS:** Sat., 3:15-4:15pm; **GA:** 2:30-3:30pm;

SJ: 4:00-4:30pm; or call for an appointment.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana is required.

Anointing of the Sick: by request

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sat Jan 9, 2010 12-8:30pm at SSJ Motherhouse

RSVP to Lori Travato at lbear18@yahoo.com, by Jan 4.

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying
*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do
him homage"*

Mt 2:1b-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sun.: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon.: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues.: 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44

Wed.: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6: 45-52

Thurs.: 1 Jn 4:19-5: 4; Lk 4:14-22

Fri.: 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat.: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3: 22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42: 1-4; Acts 10: 34-38; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

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*Rush Henrietta Catholic Community
invites you to take a cruise on the...*

"GUARDIAN OF THE SEAS"

Setting sail on

January 23, 2010 at

Guardian Angels' Parish Hall

\$15.00 per person

BYOB...bring your own beverage!

Coffee & Tea provided!



**Guardian
of the Seas**

6:15pm – Hors d'oeuvres

7:00pm – Buffet Dinner

8:15pm – Meet the Captain

8:30pm – Mystery aboard Ship

Followed by music/dancing provided by D.J.

Tickets available for three weekends:

Jan. 2/3, 9/10 and 16/17

after each Mass @ your Parish

Chinese Auction tickets also available

(Must make reservations for seating at Captain's tables and requires appropriate attire.

Any other table-enjoy island-hopping fun attire)