



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-ninth of Ordinary Time

October 19, 2008

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Story for Today

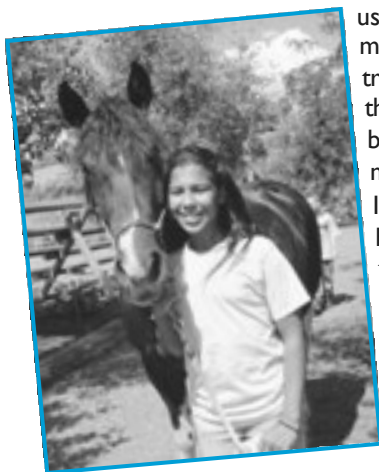
Horsehair Angels

By Dr. Constance M. Popp



Free of charge is not a phrase heard often these days or, when it is, red flags arise that something is too good to be true. But **Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch** in Oregon offers help to emotionally and physically traumatized children free of charge. The help comes by pairing each child with a horse that has also known abuse and neglect but been saved through the efforts of **Kim and Troy Meeder**, owners of the place also known as the "ranch of rescued dreams."

Acquiring the ranch itself was a "rescue story." When the Meeders wished to buy land in 1993, "all they could afford was an abandoned cinder mine nobody wanted," writes Shoba Mano for an article in the national newspaper, The Star. "For the next two years the land was restored by filling it with organic waste from neighboring ranches, spreading moldy hay and



using stall shavings and manure to create a nutritive base on which they planted bruised and broken trees that were meant to be discarded."

In 1995 two rescued horses, badly abused through starvation and beatings, became the base of their "home." These rescued horses now help abused children become whole again. One child said,

"If they can love an animal back to life, maybe they can love me back to life."

We all leave an imprint on one another. Caesar's imprint on a Roman coin meant that Caesar had power over that which carried his imprint. When Kim Meeder was nine, her father killed her mother and

World Mission Sunday

Do you know the date of your Baptism?

On that day, you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you and to be part of the Church mission to the world.

Jesus Himself directed His followers to go into the whole world and proclaim His Gospel the "Good News" of His love for us to all people (see Mark 16:15). That mission is now directed to us.



Today, on World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Please give generously to today's second collection.

then took his own life, unable to live with the consequences of divorce. The devastating imprint this event could have had on Kim was transformed by her horse. "My horse helped me find refuge from my shattered life. My troubles could never catch up with me when I was riding Firefly. And there was no better place to cry than on her soft neck."

The imprint these horses and children leave on one another resembles God's own imprint of rescue and safety.

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Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. ♦ St. Gabriel's, Hammondspport



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY Oct 19, Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Helen Opila
 By Bud & Dot

MONDAY Oct 20, Monday
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY Oct 21, Tuesday
 5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Allen Kit
 By the Kitt family

WEDNESDAY Oct 22, Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Helen Opila
 By Geri & Jim Galvin

THURSDAY Oct 23, Thursday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Rosa Fiordo
 By the Ladies Auxiliary

7:00 p.m. **Healing Mass**
 In Mem. of Kailey & Jordon Cornaire by Lee Cornaire

FRIDAY Oct 24, Friday
 (Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30 a.m.)
 2:30 p.m. **Taylor's Healthcare**
 In Mem. of Mary Gblin

SATURDAY Oct 25, Saturday
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Gerard Saur
 By Margaret Saur

SUNDAY Oct 26, Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Helen Opila
 By Bud & Dot

Beginning in January 2009, a weekend Mass each month will be offered for the "Members of the St. Mary's Memorial Fund." Donations to this fund will be used to support parish ministries and capital projects.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY Oct 19
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY Oct 20
TUESDAY Oct 21
 5:00 p.m. Quota Club Dinner - Hall
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

WEDNESDAY Oct 22
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 201
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 204A
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 205

THURSDAY Oct 23
 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 205
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Training - 201

FRIDAY Oct 24
 6:00 p.m. Blood Screening Setup

SATURDAY Oct 25
 6:00 p.m. Blood Screening - Hall
 1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

OUR Faith OUR FUTURE

Please Help St. Mary's Reach our Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal of \$23,449

M/M John Carpenter	Mrs. Genevieve Kashmer
Mrs. Margaret Cogswell	M/M Donald Knowles Sr.
M/M Lawrence Crossett	M/M Douglas Little
Mrs. Veronica Cummings	M/M Jack A. Lyle
Dcn/Mrs. Ray Defendorf	Ms. Karin Machuga
Mr. Timothy Farrell	M/M Frederick Martin
Mrs. Mary R. Fratarcangelo	M/M John H. McKinley
Mrs. Edna Friedland	Ms. Christine A. Minichello
M/M Alfred P. Gaudino	Mrs. Patricia J. Murphy
M/M Mike Glass	Mr. Joseph G. Schuster
M/M Walter L. Gronski Jr.	and Ms. Robin Kelley
M/M Arland Hanning	Mrs. Sharon Shelhamer
Mrs. Nancy Holzer	Mrs. Rita Sullivan
Mr. Robert J. Kalenak	

Donors 26 / Pledged to Date = \$3,866 / Percent of Goal 16.49%



Saint Mary's Christmas Craft Fair

The Craft Fair is Sunday, November 16. Al & Evie Hanning are looking for donations of new or handmade items that will be used for the raffle.

Contact Paula in the church office for more information.



Happy Birthday To You!

10/19 Tyler Brezinski	10/24 Mark Fiordo
10/19 Makayla Brezinski	10/24 Courtney Parulski
10/21 Stan Kalish	10/24 Rose Ormsby
10/22 Christopher Dickson	10/24 Carol Hall
10/22 Jake Snell	10/25 Sarah Ambrosone
10/23 Marge Thornbloom	10/25 Robert Kalenak
10/23 Aga Putman	10/25 Milena Davis
10/23 Betsy Carisetti	10/25 Alberta Carey



Assembly Schedule

October 26 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
 Willing Hearts
 October 27 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.
 Willing Hearts

To join an assembly call 776-3327

MY SAINT MARY'S



Sharing Faith, Friendship, Formation and Fun

Thank you for Making Parish - a Priority!

October 11/12, 2008

Attendance:

Sacrificial Gifts totaled:

Heating \$

Today's 2nd Collection: World Missions

Next Week's 2nd Collection: Can & Quarter



Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baron, Fran Cummings, Bob Denno, Margaret Emmick, Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher, Glenn French, Jack Gblin, Ester Gerhart, Joey Kish, Jim Murray, Fr Gerald O'Conner, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, and Gerry Rumsey



Healing Mass

With Fr. Boniface Ewah

Thursday, October 23 ✧ 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Church ✧ Bath

The Keuka Lake Players Present the Radio Production that Frightened the Nation.

WAR OF THE WORLDS

Directed by Gary Yoggy

Featuring Deacon Ray Defendorf as Orson Welles

Halloween Night - October 31, 2008

8:00 p.m. + O'Malley Hall





SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Mary and Jack Giblin
A Lesson in Love
and Faithfulness



Scripture REFLECTIONS

As Catholics, we learn from our catechism that the "Pascal Mystery" of life, death and resurrection to new life is God's plan for creation. We see this mystery unfold in the changing seasons, including the Autumn season when the green hillsides of the Finger Lakes burst forth in their last glorious explosion of color before entering a period of Winter dormition that looks to the unknowing eye as death. But after this time of rest, we know that Spring rains will again bring forth the buds of new life that will eventually bask again in the Summer sun.

The difficult season for human beings and those who love them is often the autumn of life. A time that in nature is marked by bright colors, is in the human season often marked by illness, infirmity and a prolonged journey toward death.

To witness the suffering of a loved one is perhaps one of life's most difficult challenges. But, some demonstrate during this time a model of love and faithfulness that is truly inspiring. One of those people is **Jack Giblin**.

The last few years of life were especially hard on his beloved Mary. Suffering the ravages of **Progressive Super Nuclear Palsy**, a little known but especially debilitating disease, Mary found constant and devoted companionship from her husband (as well as many St. Mary's friends).

When Jack's health problems prevented him from caring for Mary at home, the couple turned to the wonderful staff at the **Harriet and Frank Taylor Health Center**. It was here that the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

During long months of faithfully waiting for the Lord's call home to new life, Jack rarely left Mary's side. As her once agile fingers atrophied and her eyesight failed, Jack fed her, scratched itches, adjusted pillows for her and prayed with her. Throughout, Jack and Mary's faith and steadfast love were strengthened through daily communion and constant prayer. When Mary breathed her last earthly breath early last Thursday morning, a finger rosary embraced her hand.

"She was always there for me during my health problems," Jack humbly told me when I recalled his faithful devotion to his spouse. I am sure that this was true, for Mary, who had worked much of her life as a nurse, certainly was compassionate and caring. But, it was not the need to repay kindness that kept Jack at Mary's side it was love. Jack

was the a visible presence of God's love to her and all who witnessed it.

Such devotion may not be as rare as we might think in today's world - but it certainly offers a wonderful standard which young people considering marriage should set as a life goal.

"I promise to be true to you
in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health.
I will love you and honor you
all the days of my life."

Promise made. Promise faithfully kept.

Catholic Ministry Appeal

Last weekend, you had the opportunity to see this year's **Catholic Ministries Appeal video**. Your annual CMA donation provides St. Mary's with support for the ministries we could not afford to do on our own (e.g. human resources, Information Technology and diaconal formation, and behind-the-scenes support for those such as Youth Ministry and Faith Formation that we do very well.

By now, you've received letters from Bishop Clark and me, asking for your financial support of this most important diocesan fundraiser. In order to make our goal this year of **\$23,449** we will need to maintain an average gift of **\$150 per active parish household**.

Making a pledge paid in monthly installments to the CMA may allow you to make a slightly larger gift than you would be able to do in one shot. You will have through next May to pay off a pledge, so if it is easier for you to do so, you can spread out your payments over the next eight months.


Whatever you decide, please, fill our your pledge card this week and mail it back to the diocese with a generous pledge or gift. Every gift, no how matter how small, is needed. So please, give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Have a good week. Serve each other well.

Deacon Ray

When we read today's second reading, we ought to be able to replace the phrase "the church of the Thessalonians," with the name of our own parish church, and read Paul's words as if he had written them for us. Indeed, he did write them for all who are followers of Jesus Christ. We can read them today and derive the same comfort and pride that the Thessalonians did; we can also face the same challenge.

Truly, the Gospel did not come to us in word alone. It has come to us "in power, and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Therein lays the challenge. Like Cyrus in the first reading, and every other king of Israel and every other person anointed in baptism, we have been called by name. It is God who empowers us. We will always have to do more than listen to God's word. We will have to act on it.

 **Toddler Care Available**
We welcome toddlers at our Sunday Eucharist. But some parents may prefer to take advantage of this new service during our Sunday 9 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary's Parish presents
An Adult Faith Formation Series
The Catechism of the Catholic Church
Featuring Deborah Brinkhus,
Sunday, October 26, 2008
Sunday, November 2, 2008
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Deb Brinkhus, a life long learner, earned a Master of Arts Degree in Theological Studies from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in May 2008.
This 2-session series will offer a basic overview of the Catechism.
Sessions are open to people of all faiths who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
For more information call: 776-3327.