

VETERANS' STORIES OF HOPE, HEALING, AND SPIRITUALITY at the St. Norbert Abbey Spirituality and Life Center on Monday night November 14, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Since this program has become one of the Center's most powerful and heartfelt presentations, it is now an annual event. Veterans, their families and friends and the general public are encouraged to attend:

When people choose to serve their country, they begin a journey down an uncharted road, impacting their mind, body and spirit. It is the "warrior's heart" that enables the soldier to travel where harm may await, and the same heart must find its way home. A panel of veterans will share their journey of healing the spiritual wounds of their service during this presentation. George Kamps, veteran and social worker, has counseled over 300 veterans and found the path leading to spiritual reconnection of critical importance to healing, personal growth & fulfillment.

Cost: Free will offering (suggested donation \$5). Call the Center for more info. 337-4300.

KITCHEN WISH LIST

Our social hall and kitchen play a vital part in building community and strengthening the connections between generations here at St. John's. Keeping it stocked with adequate supplies



is an endless job and your help is always appreciated! Next time you are shopping, would



you be willing to support our efforts by sponsoring an item from our wish list?

We thank you for your ongoing care and consideration of our parish family!

hot/cold beverage cups *** heavy duty paper plates-all sizes

*** tin foil *** disposable spoons and forks *** napkins

*** heavy duty disposable soup bowls *** coffee stir sticks

*** plastic baggies/ziplocs - quart/gallon/two gallon size

*** canned fruit *** pudding mixes *** Cherry, Lemon or Lime Jello ***

Powdered Drink Mixes *** Salsa (medium) *** Cream of Chicken or Mushroom Soup

***ketchup *** Mayo *** Peanut Butter *** Strawberry or Grape Jam *** Egg Noodles ***

Cream of Chicken or Cream of Mushroom Soup

Help us shop the sales—and we thank you in advance!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

PRAYER SERVICE co-sponsored by SJE, hosted this year by our neighbor Union Congregational Church up the street at 716 South Madison Avenue. Reflection by Fr James Neilson—collection to support the Blair Bus & Boot Fund at the SJE Shelter. Traditional pie and ice cream social to follow. G.I.F.T. (Gathered In Faith Together) sponsors two ecumenical prayer service opportunities each

year—please come represent the SJE Community of Faith and meet members from our neighboring churches and the synagogue on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD—ANNUAL ST. NICK PARTY/FR GIROTTI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

sponsored by the SJE Deaf Community set for Sunday, December 4th following the 10:45 mass. Join the Deaf Community downstairs in the social hall for lunch and other fun activities especially designed for children (of all ages!) Help us celebrate Fr. Girotti's special day as well as welcome St. Nicholas back to SJE for his annual visit. If you would like to assist the Deaf Community in their efforts—please check in with Joe or Marie Heidemann or Vickie Doxtator.



Pancake & Porkie Breakfast after the Masses, Nov. 13 in the Social Hall, sponsored by SJE Boy Scout Troop 1044. Tickets sold at the door. Children under 3 are free, ages 3-10 \$3, ages 11 & up \$5. Proceeds fund troop activities.

Murder Mystery Thank You!

What a record-breaking evening?! We served over 130 people for dinner, our largest crowd ever! Considering poor old Henry Hujet took the “hit...or should we say... drink” for the night! We hope you enjoyed dinner and camaraderie of the evening, along with the show! We’ve always known we’ve had history; it’s so much more fun when it comes “alive”!

A huge THANK YOU to Karen and the Wiesner family for donating the 50/50 raffle back to the church!

A special “thank you,” to Mary Radue for her hard working making our “set” look beautiful and authentic. Even her husband Cal stepped in to help bartend that night!

Thank you to Ron & Meg Renquin and Jack and Kathy Watzka for all their help in the kitchen from preparing the meal to cleaning up! It’s a long day and they did it all with a smile!

Special thanks to our actors, who turned in academy award caliber performances... including Ellen Mercure, Dane and Joan Hansen, Fred Kramer, Irene and Paula Prantis, Barb Strutz and David Robinson.

How about all those young servers!?!? Bryce, Amanda, Catherine, Olivia, Jolee, and Sam. It’s really special to have such enthusiasm from our young team!

Once again, our faithful “Tiletown Brewery” came through with “Canadeo Gold” beer and “Sno Cap Root Beer.” We can’t thank them enough for the wonderful support to our events!

Another thank you to those of you who stepped up to help with clean up! It’s always a long day for the team, so it’s so nice when everyone volunteer to help clean up from “spring chicken” Lucille Britten to Pattie Cooke to the many, many more of you who help one way or another make our events such a success! THANK YOU!!

Did you have a good time? Do you think you want to be part of the “Community Builders?” We are always looking to build our team! Whether you want to do one or two events, or being part of all the events, we’d love to talk to you! Please contact: Barb Strutz – 406-7206.

New Risers for Choir . . .

Have you seen the beautiful new riser in church for the choir? It was constructed by Ron Adriansen, who is a professional homebuilder. Ron is the “baby” brother of the Laundry Sisters and attended school here a few years back. Ron donated his time to design and build the risers . . . And they look fantastic! God bless you, Ron, for your generosity and kindness. It is much appreciated! Thanks as well to Tom Meulemans for installing the carpeting and to

Frank LeMieux of Bayland Carpet for donating the carpeting. ~ Maureen Rompa



THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER you are invited to post a photo of a deceased relative or friend on the picture board near the baptismal font. (Please put your name on the back of any photos so they can be returned) In addition, please come forward before mass and light a votive candle of remembrance; add your loved ones’ names to our “Book of the Dead” as well.

