

PARISH NEWS

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Before I became a priest and came to this parish, I couldn't wait until the summer came. Now, I can't wait until it's over. The reason for that is our attendance in church drops at least 50% in the summer. I don't know why, and I'm not eager to find out, because the summer is over and I have most of you in church now. I give thanks to God for that. **May he reward you abundantly and give you strength to upkeep & maintain a good and regular attendance for this upcoming year?**

Please note: There are two strict fast days in this month—beheading of St. John the Baptist on the 11th of September and Exultation of the life-giving cross on the 27th.

Strict fasting means—no meat, no dairy, no fish, nothing aside from fruits and vegetables. Even when it comes to preparing these, we are not allowed to use any type of oil.

Church Closed: Please know that on the 29th of September, our church will be closed because of the race that is taking place on that day. As most of you know, it is almost impossible to come to church because of traffic; and if we were to gather, it would be hard to pray because of the noise that comes from the race track. For that reason, please visit another Orthodox Church in town that day.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Your Parish Council met on August 18. The following are highlights of the meeting:

- Donations towards the new land from the Land Blessing to date total \$10,000. We will be paying this towards the principal of our loan. Our revised goal to pay down the land is now \$89,000. Tremendous job.
- Parish Council discussed the topic of posting individual donations publicly. The decision was made to continue to create our church family environment as we all collectively work towards our goal of building a new home. On paper we will not single list individual donations. We will continue to acknowledge special donation in public forum.
- Parish Council reviewed upcoming events and the planning around of each them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL –SEPTEMBER 8,2002

We are very grateful to God that the following group of people have volunteered to be Sunday School teachers for this year: Betty Seat and Dorothy Stankovich for the oldest group; Dorothy Milivojac and Kara Mozina (substitute) for the middle group; Kimberly Suder and Marija Milivojac for the youngest group. For the Serbian School, we have as the primary teacher Popadija Zora Mikic and the substitute will be Ksenia Vekovic. Our other substitutes are: Yovanka Savich, Petar Puhar, Popadija Vesna, Melanie Seat, Tina Mizdalo and Melanie Klevickas. Last, but not least, the social coordinator is our Dawn Bresich and her assistant is Nada England.

Youth Day: September 15 (Sunday after church services)

Attention all young adults: Please note that we will have a Youth Day on 9/15/02. This will include: a trip to Turkey Run for a day in nature, canoeing, hiking, religious lessons, and discussions of issues that concern young adults. Please contact Fr. Dragan as soon as possible to sign up for this event.

Hayride:

Our Sunday School is sponsoring a hayride event on September 28th, 6:30 p.m., at Waterman's Farm Market. Contact Church office for more information.

SEPTEMBER 11 – MEMORIAL SERVICE

On September 11 at 6:00 p.m., a memorial service will be held at our church for the victims of the last years tragedy that occurred in this country. Please come so that we can join together in prayer.

TRIP TO MONASTERY – NEW CARLISLE 9/21/02

Do you have a need to relax physically, psychologically and spiritually? Plan to join us for this trip.

Departure time will be 6:00 a.m. promptly from our church. We will arrive in New Carlisle in time for a Hierarchical Liturgy in celebration of Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. There will be a luncheon following the blessing and cutting of Slava Bread. We will be returning to our church

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parking lot in Indianapolis by 7 PM that evening.
For reservations, call the church office.

Important— Dress Code is as follows:

Men must remove hats upon entering the Monastery. Business, casual trousers and shirts (no tee shirts with writing, tank tops, shorts, jeans or sneakers).

Women must cover their heads upon entrance to the Monastery. Skirts or dresses should be of proper length (no minis, slacks, shorts, tank tops or sneakers).

KOLO SLAVA – SEPTEMBER 22

The Circle of Serbian Sisters will be celebrating their Slava on Sunday, the 22nd of September. It is important that we come and support our dear sisters. Good food, as always, with a warm smile.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S GATHERING

Last year we had a couple gatherings—one at our hall and one at the home of Vicky Tomanovich. Both were most enjoyable! There was music, singing, socializing and, of course, good food. If you would be interested in doing something again, please contact Fr. Dragan.

GOD'S MIRACLES

We introduce to you the youngest member of our church family, Benjamin Easters, born on August 17, 2002. Parents: Lloyd and Beth (Bojana) Easters. Congratulations!

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

☉= under 80 ☉=over 80
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July 7	61 souls	☉
July 14	102 souls	☉
July 21	38 souls	☉
July 28	40 souls	☉
August 11	76 souls	☉
August 18	103 souls	☉
August 25	101 souls	☉

BULLETIN SPONSORS

Should you wish to donate for the upcoming bulletins please see the church secretary

Katherine Ralich (317/842-8553). The cost for mailing and printing these bulletins is \$150.00.

CHURCH DUES 2002

Reminder: If you have not contributed for the year 2002, please send your dues to the attention of Dorothy Cross, Financial Secretary.

WALL CALENDARS

Please do not discard the Icon portion of your church wall calendars. You may return them to the church for proper disposal or recycling.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11 & 12 Bowling Tournament.
Contact Chairman Chuck Schuster for more information.

November 2 Bazaar & Bake Sale

November 16 Night in Belgrade—For pre-sale tickets, please contact Dorothy Milivojac (317/862-3593). The orchestra for that event will be "Prijateljji."

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CARD-BOZIC 2003

It is almost that time again. Be on the look out for the information that will come to your home in October. We thank you for your participation for our first community card and look forward to another successful card for this Christmas season! Thank you. If you have any questions please call: Nada T. Jimenez at 317-291-7196.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the health of: Angeline Yeftich, Todor Stanjevich, George Grant, Steve Yerich, Zivko Maric, Marko, Sasa and Angela. To include a name to the prayer list, please contact Fr. Dragan.