

Grieving with Great HOPE

A five-week grief support series beginning Wednesday evenings September 28-October 26 for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend. Presenters will include Fr. John Riccardo as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for registration or contact 734-453-0326.

Ann Arbor Russian Festival

Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18 at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church in Dexter, MI. More information can be found at <http://annarborryussianfestival.org/>

Annual Red Mass

Attention all judges, lawyers, law students and friends of justice! You are invited to the 31st annual Red Mass on Monday, Sept. 26, 5:15pm at St. Mary Cathedral with Bp. Boyea as the main celebrant. For more information or to register, go to www.lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com, or call Diane Arzberger at 517-402-2880.

Eric Genius Benefit

Music transcends words and beauty moves the soul. Catholic world-class musician and composer Eric Genius has dedicated his life to bringing beautiful music to schools, churches, concert halls, and prisons. Join us for a Benefit Concert supporting his apostolate.

St. Mary Chelsea will host the Eric Genius Quartet on Sunday, Septem-

ber 25th at 7pm. Good will donations will support Eric's prison ministry calling. This will be a non-denominational event. All are welcome.

Job Opening

The Ave Maria Foundation is seeking a qualified person to compliment its Executive Office. The full-time, non-exempt position of **Assistant to the Chief of Staff** will be responsible for providing day-to-day clerical support including a variety of tasks such as travel planning, incoming/outgoing correspondence, internet research and general office duties. Interested? Log onto www.avemariahr.org, select Employment Opportunities to review the position description for job responsibilities.

Rummage Sale!

Before winter closes you in on the extra "stuff" you've accumulated all year, start setting aside some of the good stuff for our parish rummage sale coming October 19-22!



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Thank you for all your love!



I understand using the words “thank you” for a lot of things, but not for the way you have loved me. I need another word. Alas, I am relegated to attempting to use words to thank you. *Thank you!*

Thank you for all your love and the generosity you showed me last weekend. Many of you offered gifts and prayers. We exchanged hugs and kisses and tears and I am grateful for each hug and kiss and tear. The absolute truth is that I am choking up as I am writing this. Did you know I was so emotional?

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our parish picnic such a lavish event! Thanks to the McInnises, the Gansses, the Blaszkas, Cathie and Rick Bays, Adam Horst, Stacie and Phil Campbell, Theresa Mesch, Kari Kummert, Angele van Diessen, Jennifer Holody Kate Jones, Stephanie Saylor, John LaRock, the Pariseaus, Jenny Boudreaux, Erin Deemer, Sarah and Mary Schloss, Cindy Bruggner Mary Grace Keenan, Jeanine Jahant, Heidi Zachmann, Nikki Mackmiller, Jeanette Hayes, the Shurtliffs, Monica Beauchamp, Lisa Andrews and of course Debbie Welch. (I typed all that myself off of a spreadsheet. I’m just telling you that because I want you to know how grateful I am.) *I’m sure this is not even everyone who helped.* And in spite of the danger of leaving people out of the list through forgetfulness, I still wanted to express the personal nature of the generosity that was manifest here last weekend. So if you were left out, I apologize and I thank you.

I will be forced to try to send thank you notes from Iraq since I have already left!

I sent a letter out to the parish this past week. In that letter, I mentioned that I have learned a great deal about love by being able to try to take care of you.

You may notice that I am leaving some things behind. I have stored some books in the rectory and I am leaving most of my vestments behind. I have no place to put vestments and I can’t take them with me. Furthermore, I never got around to ordering vestments for the parish to have for itself. When I got here, there was a poverty of such things.

I do have a return ticket from Iraq! I am planning to come by for a visit — a vacation — in late July next summer. In the meantime, I will be relying on your prayers. As I mentioned to you on numerous occasions, I have your names! I will be praying for you by name. Praying for people is a real way of loving them especially if we pray with love.

Thank you for your love: for your love of God, of each other and of me.

May the peace of Christ be in your heart always!—Fr. Gerald

The Jubilee Year of Mercy Goes On Until November!



As you are aware, we are in a special Jubilee Year of Mercy!

This year, the worldwide Church is celebrating the mercy of God in a special way. Indulgences are available and you can visit the Vatican website at www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va. Ok. I agree. That is crazy. You are probably better off just going to your favorite search engine and typing “jubilee year of mercy”. But there are some good things at that Vatican website including, in my humble opinion, the Bull of Indiction. (—Fr. G)

St Mary Cathedral will be available for pilgrims Monday through Friday, 7:30am - 3:30pm, and on Saturdays, 7:30am - 5:00pm. If you wish to attend Mass as part of the pilgrimage, please see the Cathedral Mass schedule available by clicking here: <http://www.stmarylansing.org/mass-times>

When you make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door at the Cathedral at times when Mass is being celebrated, please enjoy your visit and the beauty of the Cathedral church, AND please participate in and respect the celebration of the Mass as you would do in your own parish church.

There are holy hours in the Cathedral on Sundays and other events to check out at the website for St. Mary’s Cathedral of the Diocese of Lansing.

The Archdiocese of Detroit also has a very well done presentation of the Jubilee Holy Door.