



# The Messenger

Quarterly Newsletter of  
Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church  
West Jordan, Utah

## FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow— our new church is flying along. Be sure to stop by and see. It’s a remarkable process and an education for someone like me who knows nothing of construction.

May 1st is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. At our parish we cherish the connection with the working men and women— miners, farmers, etc. who built our parish. Work is a gift from God— enhancing human dignity and holy in itself. In the gathering space of our new church we will have an area dedicated to Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. (In effect, it will be a shrine, though we can’t call it so for technical reasons. But I think it a certainty that Dorothy Day will one day be a canonized saint of the Church.) She will be the American patron saint of workers. You may not be familiar with her—so be sure to read the article about her on page 5 of this newsletter.

Our church has a wonderfully rich theology of work

and social justice— not preached about enough. I was raised in a union household and am dedicated to the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively. Without this ability, working people can and will have been trampled underfoot as disposable pieces of machinery. Human dignity deserves better than this. It is true that unions, like any human institution may be abused. To work properly, there must be a true, unselfish brotherhood amongst the workers. But unions are an absolute necessity and the right of workers.

The eight hour day and five day week are among the gifts of unions to workers everywhere. Every Catholic should be aware that it is the constant teaching of the Church that working people have an unfettered right to organize and form unions.

Honest work praises God. Honest workers praise God. Let us celebrate our great heritage— study the church’s social teaching and teach our children.

May God bless all our endeavors at St. Joseph’s.

*Father Patrick F. Carley*

## True to our patron saint, our history & our founders, new church will honor workers

Our original parish church was built back in 1963 by the labor of farmers and miners (many of whom were on strike) and was placed under the patronage of St. Joseph the Worker, the patron saint of laborers. Now in 2010 we are building a new church. Most of our parishioners are still proudly working class. Unfortunately, these are hard times for workers. Many within our own community have lost their jobs or have had to accept jobs at far less pay and benefits. Many have been forced to work undesirable hours to the detriment of family life. In families of young children, it is common for both parents to work to make ends meet. Many close to retirement find they must continue working to make up for large investment losses. The power of labor unions are at an all-time low. Those lucky enough to have jobs are just a stone’s throw away from unemployment and loss of medical insurance.

As we mark this occasion of St. Joseph the Worker’s feast day, please say a special prayer for workers and to those who are trying so hard to find suitable work. Now is the time to honor workers everywhere and to re-assert their rights.

The design of our new church was inspired by our namesake, St. Joseph the Worker. The design incorporates familiar materials which are manipulated to become something extraordinary. These materials are transformed by the “worker” or crafts-person into something which emphasizes craft not the raw material: there is board-formed concrete and a rich hand-crafted wood used throughout the project. The small Day Chapel will be covered in copper as a reminder of our mining history. Other special features planned include a Dorothy Day monument and a history display. When the altar, is dedicated, soil from old Bingham Canyon (as well as from Ireland) will be placed underneath the altar.



Left: The board-formed concrete used throughout the new church is a reminder of St. Joseph the carpenter.

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### Dates & Deadlines

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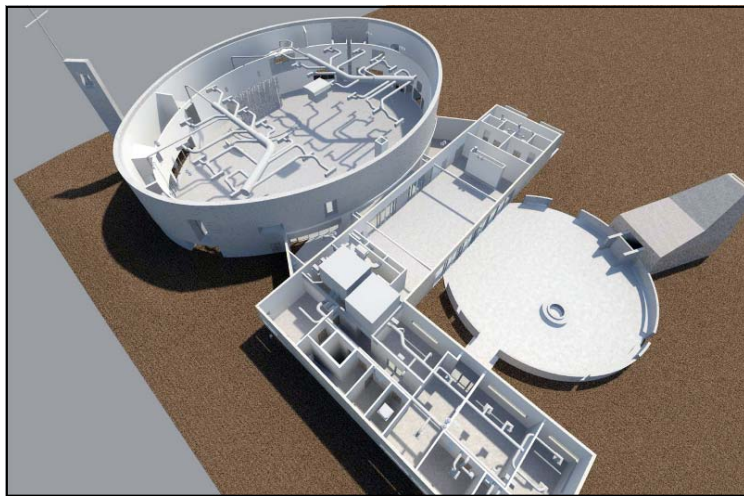
Photo above: Pictured above is the sanctuary on 4/6/10.

It is amazing how quickly the new church is going up. The scene changes hour by hour at 7404 S Redwood Road. It is a beehive of activity with workers and machinery. Shown below are scenes of the basement construction. You can get a birds eye view of the entire project by going to: <http://www.randocophotos.com>. You will be instructed to enter an email address and a password.

Use this email address: **parish@stjoseph.com** and this password: **parish**



***It's going to be beautiful!***



**Program elements of the new church:**

- Seating for 800
- Sacristy
- Baptismal font
- Area for music ministry
- Niches for statuary / candles
- Offices
- Kitchenette
- Altar / tabernacle / ambo
- Vestibule / entry experience
- Day chapel
- Cry room
- Restrooms
- Meeting rooms
- Parking
- Lighted bell tower with cross marking corner
- Hospitality room (for weddings, funerals, etc.)
- Community gathering space
- Outdoor plaza with fountain
- Multi-media & technological capabilities
- Sustainably-designed & energy efficient
- Parking, including ADA accessible parking and drop-off
- Exterior lighting, landscaping, signage

**Don't Delay!**

**Naming Opportunities Going Quickly**

Everyone who donates to the new church will be listed on a special Donor Wall which will stand in the Gathering Space. There will be areas for corporations, businesses and individuals as well as original parish founders. If you'd like, you may designate that your donation go towards a specific part of the church, for example, a chapel, or a pew. This would be a great way to honor a loved one. If you are interested in this, please contact the Parish Office right away-many of these opportunities are going quickly. Please be aware that all donations will be listed on the Donor Wall and not on the specific items donated. Please be a part of this great effort and don't miss out.



# Our New Church: Emerging from the tomb of the earth

Ground was broken on our new church on a cold but crystal- clear winter's afternoon. The snow-covered Wasatch Mountains were a beautiful backdrop for this picture-perfect day which included special guests Bishop John Wester, West Jordan Mayor Melissa Johnson, Architects Anne Mooney and John Sparano and representatives from R&O Construction. After the sadness that so many felt at the final Mass on Oct. 18, this was an occasion of great joy. Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to put on a hard hat and dig in with a beautiful beriboned shovel. The soil that was used for the ceremony came from the area where the new altar will be located and was returned there.

## Jan. 24, 2010-Groundbreaking Ceremony



## Feb. 17, 2010- 1st pouring of cement & placing children's stones



All of the parish children were asked to decorate a stone to be placed in the first pouring of cement for the new church. Hundreds of stones were turned in of all shapes and colors. Many had prayers and poems, names and dates, glitter and sparkling gems. The first pour took place on Ash Wednesday. It was a school day, but several children were able to come and help place the stones in their special place of honor. These stones will remain here for the life of the church.

# Lenten Friday Night Fish Dinners

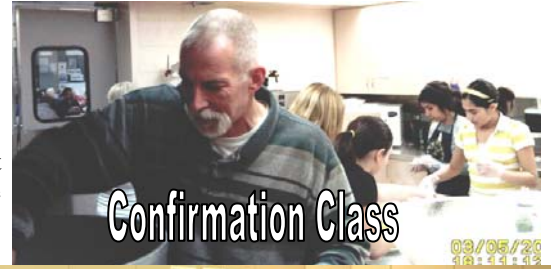
Shrimp dinners, big bread bowls filled with clam chowder, Seafood Alfredo, Fish Tacos and more were offered in the hall every Friday night during the 2010 Lenten season. Over \$900 was raised for the new church and, more importantly, parishioners were able to enjoy delicious Lent-appropriate dinners with a friendly group of parishioners. A great thanks to all the groups who pitched in to provide the dinners and to Marvin Seale for organizing these dinners.



Cub Scouts



Knights of Columbus



Confirmation Class



WOW's



RCIA Class



Men's Group

From Don Hood: Howdy Y'all. Allow me to start by introducing myself, for those of you that don't know me. my Name is Don, but y'all can call me Don; and I'm from New York - originally. Back east I was a highly published Writer, if only in the amateur markets, and now I'm going to try my hand with the Parish Newsletter. But fear thee not, I'll spare you the "Vitriolic and Venom Laced Missives" I've was once known for.

OK so here I was, checking my E-Mail during some down time at work when much to my surprise, I read a cry for help "Help, ... Help Help". it was Mike Savage recruiting for the first Fish Fry of Lent 2010. It's not that I didn't know there was a Fish Fry, or that help was being solicited, it's simply that I don't eat Fish, (Drink or Smoke). But being the kind of Guy I am, I wrote him back and committed my time to help out. "What time do you need me"? I asked. 5:00 was the reply. So on Friday 19th of February I arrived at The Parish Hall/Church and - nothing! People were working, but only one family was actually eating. OK I said, lets give this some time, after all 5 PM is kind of early. and much to my anticipation they all flooded the doors between 6 and 7. Then it was time to get busy. I like Busy after all - all morality begins with a solid work ethic.

Frankly it wasn't that bad of a meal for the 7 dollars it cost, and most of The Parish regulars were there. Dominus vobiscum.

## Rio Tinto donates \$50,000 to St. Joseph the Worker



The New Church Fund got a great boost on April 20th, when Rio Tinto donated \$50,000 to the fund. A special thanks to Clint Zellefrow who worked hard for the donation. **Pictured above:** Ron White, Father Carley, Gina Crezee, Bishop Wester, Deborah Thacker and Monsignor Fitzgerald meet to accept the generous donation.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2

If you have taken a look at the parish grounds lately, you can see it won't be long before the beautiful new church is completed. Huge loan payments aren't far behind.

In order to prepare for this, the parish kicked off the second phase of the Capital Campaign shortly before Easter. Surveys were handed out or mailed to all registered parishioners, numbering about 950. The survey requested updated logistical information such as address and phone numbers. It also asked parishioners to make a pledge if they had not yet done so or to increase what they've already pledged. It is really important that all parishioners support this great project and do so sacrificially.

As of April 20th, the surveys have resulted in:

**\$167,415 increase in New Church pledges**

**\$1,590 monthly increase in Ordinary Income**

A few other fringe benefits: We have been able to reduce our mailing list by approximately 100 registered parishioners (moved, attend another church, etc.) Tightening up this list will save us postage, paper costs as well as assessments from the Diocese. In addition, we have a new list of volunteers we can call to help with mailings, after-Mass help, phone calls. If you have not yet turned in your survey, the clock is ticking. Please don't delay any further. A great thanks to those who have turned theirs in.

**About St. Joseph the Worker**



Our patron St. Joseph is honored for many reasons. He was the loving husband to Mary, the father to Jesus, a hard-working carpenter. He actually has two feast days, one on March 19th which focuses on Joseph as a father and husband, and the other on May 1 which focuses on St. Joseph *the Worker*.

It is not by chance that this day was chosen. May 1st is May Day, a Communist legal holiday in honor of workers. In 1955, Pope Pius XII set aside this day to give honor to St. Joseph, to restore dignity to labor and

to bring a spiritual dimension to labor unions. It is eminently fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honored on this day.

The relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers has a long history. In a constant effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has proudly emphasized that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. Humanity is like God not only in thinking and loving, but also in creating. Whether we make a table or a cathedral, we are called to bear fruit with our hands and mind, to use our talents for the good of others and ultimately for the building up of the Body of Christ. "Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefits on their fellowmen, and help to realize God's plan in history".

**The Catholic Worker Movement and Dorothy Day**

The Catholic Worker Movement began on May 1, 1933, when a journalist named Dorothy Day and a philosopher named Peter Maurin teamed up to publish and distribute a newspaper called "The Catholic Worker.". This paper promoted justice and mercy and was grounded in a firm belief in the dignity of every human person. Because of her great concern for the working class and her strong Catholic faith, the New Church Committee has proposed that there be a special area of the new church dedicated to Dorothy Day.

Here is a short history of her life:

Dorothy Day, was born in Brooklyn, New York, November 8, 1897. After surviving the San Francisco earthquake in 1906, her family moved into a tenement flat in Chicago's South Side. It was a big step down in the world made necessary because her father was unemployed. Day's understanding of the shame people feel when they fail in their efforts dated from this time.

It was in Chicago that Day began to form positive impressions of Catholicism. She read books that stirred her conscience. Upton Sinclair's novel, *The Jungle*, inspired her to take long walks in poor neighborhoods in Chicago's South Side. It was the start of a life-long attraction to areas many people avoid. She had a gift for finding beauty in the midst of urban desolation and drab streets. "Here," she said, "was enough beauty to satisfy me".

She moved to New York in 1917 where she found a job as a reporter. She covered rallies and demonstrations and interviewed people ranging from butlers and construction workers to labor organizers and revolutionaries. In November 1917 she went to prison for protesting women's exclusion from the right to vote.

As a child she had attended services at an Episcopal Church. As a young journalist in New York, she would sometimes make late-night visits to a Catholic church. The Catholic climate of worship appealed to her. Catholic spiritual discipline fascinated her. She saw the Catholic Church as "the church of the immigrants, the church of the poor". Her faith began to take form with the birth of her daughter Tamar in 1926. Her decision to have her daughter baptized and to embrace the Catholic faith came at great personal cost. While working in Washington, DC, she visited the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and prayed for guidance on how to use her special gifts in service of the hungry and the poor. The following day, back in New York, she met Peter Maurin, a former Christian Brother, who had a vision for a society constructed of Gospel values. Together they founded the Catholic Worker newspaper which spawned a movement of Houses of Hospitality and farming communes that has been replicated throughout the United States and other countries.

At the Catholic Worker, Dorothy Day lived a life of fidelity to the Scripture, practicing voluntary poverty, the works of mercy, and working for justice and peace. She died in New York City on November 29, 1980, among the poor. She was proposed for sainthood in 1983. Pope John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open Day's "cause" for sainthood in March 2000.



Dorothy Day

**WHY UNIONS?** Without a union, employers have almost all the rights. They can change your pay and working conditions at any time as long as they do not violate certain laws, like the minimum wage. Any benefits you receive are at the discretion of your employer. It should be no surprise that accidents, including the recent mining disaster in West Virginia, are more likely to occur in non-union companies.

Forming a union changes the basic power relationship at work. Once you form a union, your employer cannot make changes in your working conditions unless they are negotiated with union members. Any benefits or working conditions covered by your contract are protected by law. You and your co-workers can decide what kinds of things could be improved at your work site and make proposals to your employer. Your employer is legally obligated to negotiate over most proposals that affect the quality of your work life. A union gives you strength in numbers to improve your pay, benefits, and working conditions.

Here is a famous story told by Studs Terkel, a well-known American author: Terkel was waiting for a bus besides a yuppy-looking couple. "Tomorrow is Labor Day: the holiday to honor the unions", said Studs. "We despise unions," they told him. He fixed them with a glittering eye, and asked "How many hours do you work a day?" They told him 8. "How come you don't work 18 hours a day, like your great-grandparents?" They couldn't answer that. "Because four men got hanged for you." He's referring to the Haymarket Affair, the union dispute in May 1886. Then he asked "How many days a week do you work?" They said 5. Terkel laughed, "Five – oh, really? How come you don't work six and a half?" They weren't sure. "Because of the 1937 Memorial Day Massacre. These battles were fought, all for you."

*"By crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, of the poor, of the destitute... We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world."* – Dorothy Day, *The Catholic Worker*, June, 1946

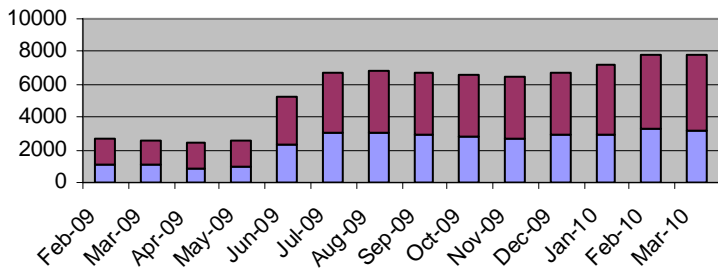


## WOW's plan to "wow" the DCCW

The Women's Group has done so many impressive things this past year under the great leadership of Diane Mark, Staci Burton and Sherry Florin. They made a beautiful poster listing their accomplishments which they plan to take to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women convention on April 24. Below are a few of their accomplishments they listed. It's quite impressive!

- Service** Coordinating events on an as-needed basis such as
  - Sister Fabian Farewell
  - Groundbreaking Event
  - Drive for baby supplies for Catholic Community Services
  - Layettes for refugee babies
  - Supplies and decorations for Parish events
  - Organization of Hall after tear-down of old church
  - Creation and implementation of Contact Tree and email updates weekly
- Leadership** Three new board members who had not attended more than two meetings each before being elected – these are "new eyes"!
  - Leading by example in collaboration within and outside our Parish
- Spirituality**
  - Happy Birthday Jesus Party
  - "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" Book Club
  - Prayer at each event
  - The "WOW Word" – Women's Group newsletter
- Support** Own building rapport with various groups within Parish
- Empower** Own decorating and supply inventory for all receptions/events
  - Created an environment of open communication to allow new ideas resulting in establishing "Promise Points", Paula McGibbon taking ownership of coordinating our Book Club; Kathy Archibald scheduling the Grocery Guru as guest speaker, seeking out an award-winning writer/producer/director of an HBO Documentary as speaker and making new decisions for an outstanding Annual Silent Auction with 124 in attendance generating \$12,000 for our new church.
- Educate**
  - Kid's Camp
  - Various guest speakers at meetings; teamwork/teambuilding, financial, dance lessons
  - Many serving as Religious Education Teachers
  - Share Catholic Trivia at each meeting
  - Black History Month

### AUTO WITHHOLDING INCREASING IN POPULARITY



The chart above shows the increasing numbers of parishioners who have set up automatic withholding for Ordinary Income. The lighter bars shows Credit Card withholding; the darker portion shows Checking Account withholding. Once you set it up – you won't need to think about your donations and most people don't miss the money. Automatic withholding can be set up for the New Church Fund as well as for Ordinary Income. Give it a try. If it's not working out for you, simply give us a call and we can stop the deductions. But, we think that once you try it, you will be like most parishioners and will be glad you took the plunge. Best yet, automatic withholding really helps your parish. Forms for Auto withholding it can be found in the back of the hall.

### Seniors on the move



If you have missed any of the monthly Seniors meetings, you are missing out on something great. The Seniors meet at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. This year they have gone to Wendover, had guest speakers talk about family history research, gardening, health and diet. Join them for another exciting Seniors Group meeting on May 12. The featured speaker will be the West Jordan Police who will discuss Home & Travel Security.

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### HARD ECONOMIC TIMES MEANS INCREASED DEMAND FOR FOOD

The food pantry is being used double-time these days. Items in heavy demand include: Rice, flour, sugar, cereal, hand soap and shampoo. If you need help with food, please don't hesitate to call the pantry number at: (801) 739-3169. Service is by appointment only.

# SUPER BOWL PARTY -FEB 7th

## NETS \$367.50 FOR NEW CHURCH!



*Thank you,*  
**Kevin & Kathy Hoenshell**  
for setting up another Great Super Bowl Party! The game was terrific as well as the food!

# St. Pat's Dinner

## March 14th

*Grosses \$3500 for New Church!*



No St. Patrick's Mass this year due to space constraints, but otherwise the annual "Secret Recipe" Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner was another great success! Thanks to Tony Rezac and all who helped!

**Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale**— Thank you so much to Lauren Richardson for another great Easter Egg Sale on Palm Sunday. Thanks to her donation of beautiful hand-crafted eggs, we made \$370 for the New Church!

**Clocks & Plaques Sales**—A great thanks to Ron Markovich and to his parish customers who have purchased his hand-crafted clocks and plaques. The New Church fund has made over \$2500 from these sales!

## *Thank you, Parishioners!*

Most parishioners don't realize just how often the hall is used these days and for how many different purposes. Those who work in the Parish Office are right in the thick of it. "Almost every day the hall is used by one group or another," said Anne Kurek, parish secretary. "It is amazing to see the hall set up for an event, cleaned up, set up for Mass, and then set up for yet another event the very next day." Some events follow each other within minutes. Cooking may need to take place within yards of an on-going Mass service.



Above: The altar in the hall decorated for Easter Masses.

So far, things have worked out reasonably well without any major conflicts. This would not be possible without the great spirit of cooperation, patience and flexibility that exists within our community these days. It is heart-warming the way everyone works so well together and pitches in when there is work to do.

A great example of this took place during the Christmas season. The Drummer Boy gifts needed to be stored somewhere. "I stuffed them in the only place I could find—the Religious Ed closet," said Anne. "They were waist high. One night, Jim Burchett needed to get something out of that closet. He had to take out sack after sack of heavy packages to get to what he needed. And then he needed to put them all back. Rather than get mad at me, he said he realized we all have to work together and be extra patient with each other. I can't tell you how much I appreciated his great attitude!"

It's best *not* to rely on the kindness of others, however. Please be sure to get your event and hall needs on the calendar.

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER: WHERE THE MOST DISTINGUISHED MEN CONGREGATE

Handsome, debonair, refined. These were just a few of the words that were used to describe the tuxedo-clad men of St. Joseph the Worker on the evening of Friday, January 22. In what will become a greatly anticipated annual event, parish men (only) hosted their first Swell Affair, which included fine cigars, brandy and martinis and a steak dinner. The men had a blast. While the men were out, many of the parish women partied down at the new Fox Hole Bar down the street.



Answers to Guess Who from Page 10



**Richard (Dick) and Esther Barney.** Dick and Esther were married at St Joseph the Worker on April 12, 1969 by Father Forgerty. Esther is the daughter of Pete and Sally Garduno. She graduated from Bingham High in 1965 and Dick graduated from West High (1963). They met at their work place after she came home from Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. They have two (2) children, Shelli and Richard Jr. Shelli is married to Mark Varoz (he owned the Framers Market on 9400 S & Redwood) and live in Draper. They have two children, Alexis (7) and Jake (4), who both attend St John the Baptist School in Draper. Richard Jr is married to Mary Lambros and they live in Las Vegas, NV. Rich has a daughter from a previous marriage Madisen (10). He and Mary have a 16 month girl, Sophie. Esther and Dick recently sold their West Jordan home and relocated to St George. "We will miss all the people at St Joseph and Father Carley," said Dick. "We will visit St Joseph when we are in town."

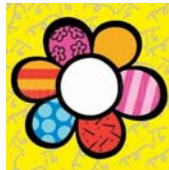


**Connie and Rudy Garcia:** Connie & Rudy were married November 7, 1966. They had planned to marry in Utah in a Catholic church, but it was the Vietnam era and Rudy was in the military. A freeze was put on all leaves due to the war. But they were so much in love, they weren't going let that deter them. Connie packed her bags and met Rudy in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and they got married in the post chapel. There were a few little snafus. They had planned to marry on a Saturday, but the state made them wait until the following Monday, so their wedding announcements were printed with a different date. But they have remained happily married all these years. They have 2 children a son Rick and daughter, Paula. They have 4 grandchildren. Ashton 22, Lindsay 19, Emily 10 and Ricky 6. Coincidentally, Connie went to High School with Dick Barney, shown above.



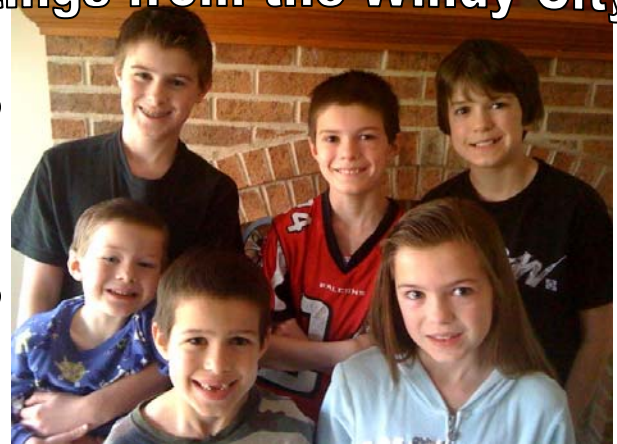
**Mary and Robert Foster:** Bob and Mary Foster were married on February 10, 1962 at Holy Redeemer Church in Montrose, California. Bob is from Utah and Mary is from New York. They have 5 children who live in Texas, California and Utah; 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

**4** **Guess who this is and win \$25 for the new church!** This individual is so convinced that no one will be able to guess who he is that he has offered a prize of \$25 to the new church if someone can guess. Come on, Messenger readers! Call in, mail in, e-mail your answers. Results will be published in the bulletin and next newsletter.



Greetings from the Windy City!

WINDY CITY



From Beth Norton: We are doing well in Chicago. The kids love it here and adjusted quickly. They are in public school and taking a bus for the very first time. There are plenty of children in our neighborhood in all different age ranges so all the kids have made friends. Our new parish is huge! The kids attend Religious Education classes once a week. It is a beautiful church but we miss St. Joseph's warmth and friendliness! We're hoping to make a family trip back to Utah after the new church is complete. It would be great to attend Mass there and see all our old friends. Please give Father Carley my best. He was a big part of getting my family more involved in the parish and I will always be grateful for that!



Happy 60th, Ernestina & Fermin!

Long-time parishioners, Ernestina & Fermin Duran celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 17th. They married at St. Anthony of Padua, N.M. They have 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grand children. Over



# KIDS KONNECT

A page to piece our fun together!

Let's get our page going! Email Diane - aka "Scoop" - at [dianemark@comcast.net](mailto:dianemark@comcast.net) with upcoming events, stories, ideas for our Kids Konnect page and if it makes the cut, you will receive \$5 - that adds up!

## YOUTH VALENTINE'S DANCE!



Did you know how Saint Valentine's association with Valentine's Day came about? St. Valentine was in prison for helping Christians escape harsh Roman treatment. While he was in prison, he fell for a young lady believed to be the prison guard's daughter. She had visited him quite often during his time in prison.

It is believed before his release, he wrote a letter to the young lady and signed it, "From Your Valentine" - the same expression we use frequently still today!

In honor of Saint Valentine and Valentine's Day, a celebration was had in the parish hall with lots of love and laughter, yummy food, and dancing. Thanks to all those who attended and thank you to Mrs. Kimberlee Seale and Miss Tyler Seale for coordinating this event!



## YOUTH GROUP TUBING TRIP AND MORE!



St. Joseph the Worker Youth Group have been a busy bunch. In January they went ice skating. In February they went on a tubing adventure. In March they hosted a Game/Movie Night. Miniature golf is planned for April and a Youth Field Day in May. Why not join them on their next adventure?



## YOU ARE OUR "ROCKS" FOR THE FUTURE

A very special thanks to all our artists who personalized rocks for the foundation of our new church! What a sight it was on Ash Wednesday to have so many gather with the collected rocks decorated and given to represent the most important part of our future, and that is the youth of our Parish who will carry on our values and traditions in the future. A blessing was given by Father Carley when the rocks were placed on our sacred ground where our new future begins.



## TEAMWORK WON THE RACE!

St. Joseph's Boy Scouts came in 3rd place in the District Klondike, which is a sled race in which over 20 other troops competed. "I am so proud of our boys," said Martin Walsh, the scout leader. "Our boys worked so well together. It was teamwork that won the race." There are about 12 boys in the troop and any boy age 11 and up is welcome to join. The boys are especially thankful to Paul Gressmen who built the sled after the last one was inadvertently thrown away in a hall clean-up.

## JUST JOKING AROUND!

- 1. Why is the letter A like a flower?
- 2. What flowers grow on faces?
- 3. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
- 4. What happened to the egg who was tickled too much?

4. It cracked up!  
3. Springtime

3. Tulips!  
1. Because Bee's follow them!

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# ST. JOSEPH



# THE WORKER

This edition of *The Messenger* is dedicated to:

- Our patron Saint Joseph the Worker, whose feast day is May 1
  - Workers
  - The unemployed
- Our community's proud working class roots

## Can YOU guess WHO?

The pictures below were taken over 30 years ago. All are of people who are well-known in the parish. Can you guess who they are? See page 8 for answers and a special challenge.



## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORTS RIGHTS FOR WORKERS

The Catholic Church has recognized a bill of rights for the working class in all countries. They are:

- The right to a just wage.
- The right to rest.
- The right to a working environment that is not harmful to the workers' physical health or moral integrity.
- The right that one's personality in the workplace should be safeguarded without suffering any affront to one's conscience or personal dignity.
- The right to appropriate subsidies necessary for the subsistence of unemployed workers and their families.
- The right to a pension and to insurance for old age, sickness, and in case of work-related accidents.
- The right to social security connected with maternity.
- The right to assemble and form associations.

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## Upcoming Events

**May 1**– Field Clean up Day & softball practice game

**May 2**– First Communion Day

**May 22**– Youth Group Field Day

**June 12**– Camp Out on Field

**June 27**– Founders Day Picnic

Summer Day Camp is cancelled this year due to construction

**August 7**– Yard Sale

**September 10-12**– Folk Fest