

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



- July 10 -

Sources of Strength

Mission Integration * Faith in Action

*** Wells Co. Mentoring ***

Senior Companions * Hospice

Pastoral Care * Precious Goodbyes

LTC * Nurturing Program * RSVP

James 1:12 – God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the Crown of Life that God has promised to those who love Him.

My father was a motorcycle enthusiast. Every summer I would pester him constantly to take me out for a ride. To say I was excited the day he brought a 90 Suzuki home for me and my sister would be a bit of an understatement.

Being the experienced rider he was, he wanted to be absolutely certain I took the time I needed to learn. Safety for his little girl was priority one! At first he sat outside and watched me as I rode up and down our street grinning from ear to ear.

When the day came for me to go it alone, he left me with strict instructions to stay on our street and to keep the bike in first gear. At first everything went well. Back and forth, up and down our street I drove. But then the boredom set in. Maybe it would be ok to drive around the block just once. Maybe if I went a little faster it would be a bit more fun. In the end, around the block and a little faster would cost me the bike. Having failed my test drive, my Evel Knievel days came to an abrupt end when my father took the keys and later sold my “Little Suzy”. I’m sure it must have been a very difficult thing for him to do as he knew how much I loved riding. It was, however, the most loving thing he could do for me at that time.

Life is filled with test drives. God often allows situations in our lives that test our faith. He is faithful to provide us another chance. Perhaps you’ve noticed? He does not give up on us when we fail a test. Instead, He provides ample opportunity for us to learn and someday get it right. If you’ve failed a test drive or two, don’t give up! God is cheering for you!

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**Serenity Place**– We are looking for a few volunteers who could help in the Serenity Place garden at the hospital. It is looking very nice. If you enjoy gardening, please consider helping. Just go when you can and do. We have recently planted a lot of seeds that we want to take care not to walk on. If you are interested in working in the garden but can’t determine where the seeds have been planted, please call Isolde Grauman at 324-2410.

**Long Term Care** – We are always looking for people to spend time with residents. You could adopt a grandparent, read, play cards, take them outdoors in their wheelchairs, or simply visit and enjoy their wisdom. Contact Denise Martin if interested.

**Selz Centennial** – July 9<sup>th</sup> –July 11<sup>th</sup>. Saturday is parade at 10:30 a.m., kids games, car show, free entertainment, street dance at 9:00 p.m. and fireworks. Sunday is a demolition derby at 1:00 for \$5.00. If you have questions call Brenda Weinmann at 324-5262.

**Give Away:**

Someone in our community has a used queen sized mattress and box spring to give away. For more information, call Linda Prince at 341-0340.

**Martin Vacation Bible School** – This is interdenominational and held at the Baptist Church in Martin– July 11<sup>th</sup> (3:30-8:00), July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> (6:00-8:30), July 14<sup>th</sup> (Program at 7:30 with ice cream to follow). Contact person: Kim Rott 465-3470.

Congratulations to our  
Mentor of the month,  
Amy Buxa  
and our volunteer of the month,  
Ruth Schuh.  
You are appreciated!

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvey Fest Celebration July 16 & 17, 2010*

**Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Free Community Meal sponsored by St. Aloisius & HAV-IT  
Wine & Cheese Tasting  
Free Street Dance on Main Street

Free music during the meal  
Top Hat Production "Kitchen Witches"

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Walk / Run                      Kiwanis Pancake Feed  
Free Wood Caring demonstration at Pioneer Park  
Fine Arts & Crafts in the Park  
Lions Golf Tournament  
Central Cinema Matinee  
Free National Guard Black Hawk Helicopter Fly Over and landing in Pioneer Park  
Harvey Sports Booster Club Meal & Banner Retirement  
Free Street Dance on Main Street

Volleyball and Frisbee Tournaments  
Kids Zone at Pioneer Park  
Free Tractor Display at Pioneer Park  
Free Parade  
Free Stage at Pioneer Park  
Jerry Schlag Polka & Waltz Dance at City Hall

**St. Aloisius Website:**

Check out what's going in your community by logging onto the St. Aloisius website at  
<http://www.staloisius.com/>.

May God bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.

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*Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.*  
--1 Thessalonians 1:5-6, NIV

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Parents Are Not Miracle Workers

As parents, we may be tempted to try to do God's work and to neglect the very responsibilities that He has given to us. He asks us to take care of the possible and to trust Him for the impossible.

How often we have tried to convict our loved ones of their sin and their need of the Savior, to make them want God, to make them read their Bibles and to pray and to live for Him.

But our responsibility is to minister lovingly to the immediate needs of our families, whether it is by providing a happy home, by preparing a good meal and washing clothes or by offering words of encouragement, love and appreciation.

And our responsibility is to pray.

God will do His part. Salvation and love for God, the willingness to come under His authority, and the longing to do His will joyfully are miracles of grace. And miracles are in God's department, not ours.

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### ***Prayer for the Day:***

*Father, I confess that I have tried in my own strength to bring my loved ones into a relationship with Christ. I relinquish them to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and I ask You to guide me as I live out the Gospel among them.*

Taken from "Letters from Ruth's Attic – Insights for Knowing God's Love" by Ruth Bell Graham