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"We Enjoy Being Part of This Parish" *Sarah and Steve Rockwell*

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When Sarah and Steve Rockwell learned they would be having twins, they knew God had a plan for their family. Though they had always been strong in their faith, they relied on faith as never before when their premature twin daughters arrived, and Sarah became sick with toxemia.

"Both Steve and I realized that we needed to lean on Christ to get us through this hard time in our life," Sarah says. "Just like He always does, Christ helped us through this time, and we have two beautiful 10-year-olds to show for it. From that time on, we knew that we wanted to show our children how to have faith in Christ and know that He has our best interests in mind."

Growing up, Sarah and Steve were fortunate to live in families that stressed the importance of faith and believing in Christ's plan for your life. Steve and his brothers were altar servers and all his siblings were active in youth group, as well as in activities through school at St. Mary's and then Alleman High School. His parents frequently volunteered at their home parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Sarah and her siblings were also altar servers and attended Jordan Catholic School, then Alleman. Her entire family



Sarah and Steve Rockwell with their daughters, Kaitlyn (front left) and Rachel (front right).

was involved in church and both of her parents served as Eucharistic Ministers.

Like the families in which they had been raised, Sarah and Steve wanted to make a parish their home, send their children to Catholic school, and get involved.

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LIVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

Forming a Conscience and Moral Code

As Christians, it is important to recognize the difference between right and wrong – both morally and ethically. Sometimes, though, this line can become blurred.

Many situations we encounter in our lives include variables that can leave us internally conflicted and unsure of how to move forward, in accordance with God's will.

So how do we work through these moral conundrums? One way is to develop a solid Christian conscience.

A moral conscience exists in the heart of every individual. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking. Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed" (CCC, 1777, 1778).

Think of your conscience as the "angelic" version of yourself sitting on your shoulder, giving you sound advice.

While everyone is blessed with a conscience, each individual has a responsibility to develop this conscience from the time they are young. Parents obviously play an important role in developing their children's consciences. As the primary educators of their children on ethical issues and the Catholic faith, parents have a responsibility to teach virtue to their children and help them to avoid fear, selfishness and pride. As we grow older, we take on the lifelong challenge of continually forming our own consciences, and establishing a moral code that enables us to make the proper judgments.

One valuable tool in forming a conscience is the practice of introspection. "It is important for every person to be sufficiently present to himself in order to hear and follow the voice of his conscience" (CCC 1779). In contemporary society, where there are so many distractions and routines, it is extremely important that we take the time to look inward and truly listen to what our inner voice is telling us.

Another way to ensure we are developing a good moral code is by conforming to the mind of Christ. God the Father gave us Christ, physically present on this earth and recorded in Sacred Scripture, as the ultimate example of what to do and how to behave according to God's will. As Bishop Donald W. Wuerl aptly states in *The Teaching of Christ*, "To conform to the mind of Christ is to conform to the mind of the Father" (p. 244). In other words, when we act in loving imitation of Christ, we are certain to make practical judgments of conscience.

The next time you are faced with a moral dilemma, take some quiet time to look inward, weigh the positive and negative outcomes, and listen to the voice of your conscience. Read the Gospels for examples of Christ's teaching. By making this a regular practice, you will find that the voice of your conscience will come in louder and more clearly than you may have initially expected.

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A Letter From Our Pastor

The Importance of Stewardship During the Summer Season

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in the midst of the summer, and I have been slowly adjusting to the routine here at Sacred Heart. There are certain things that are common to every parish, and there are situations that are different. One of the realities of every parish is that people go on summer vacation. As a result of that, Mass attendance is sporadic for a lot of people. It is hard to schedule liturgical ministers at such times, and it is also hard to have a time when necessary meetings can take place. Offertory donations can also be forgotten if a family does not go to Mass.

The reality is that the life of the parish has to continue, even with absent members. We cannot stop having Mass, nor can we turn off the lights and shut the doors when it comes time for parish activities during vacation time. That is why it is important for everyone who is involved in ministries in the church to call and get substitutes when they are out of town, and for all parish members to either mail in their donations or make up for Sundays that are missed when they are able to attend Mass again. Whatever people can do to help in this regard is greatly appreciated.



We all know that the obligation to attend Mass is not lifted during the summer. Sometimes it is a good time to attend other churches when traveling and see what transpires there. I have had parishioners bring back wonderful ideas for ministries and activities. As someone said, “Stealing an idea is sometimes the sincerest form of flattery.” If you see something of interest in another parish that might benefit Sacred Heart, please let us know.

As the summer winds down, remember that we need your time, talent and treasure during this time of year more than ever. Our community continues to function even when members are absent. Just as you would not leave your home

without making arrangements for its care while you are away, remember not to leave the parish without being good stewards.

Blessings,

Handwritten signature of Fr. Mark DeSutter.

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School Opens at Sacred Heart 107th



The junior high class, 1911



Sr. Anna Marie Scheirer



The future class of 1959

Teddy Roosevelt was president, and it was just after the turn of the last century when Sacred Heart Parish situated itself on the south side of Moline's 16th Avenue, midway between 13th and 14th streets. The site is blacktopped today and is located between Lee Parish Center and Seton Catholic School. In 1907, the newly founded church filled the second floor of its red brick building and set up the new Sacred Heart Grade School on its first floor. The school opened in September, staffed with four sisters of the Order of St. Francis. The Franciscans arrived at the railroad station in downtown Moline and boarded the street car up the hill to Sacred Heart. Before the year ended, three additional sisters joined the staff. The new school graduated three boys and three girls in its first eighth-grade class of 1908.

Within a couple years, ninth and 10th-grade school programs were introduced "to give pupils an opportunity to prepare themselves better for commercial and industrial positions." The first graduates at that level received diplomas in 1911.

Additional Sisters increased the staff, and in 1914, a two-story addition for the school was added to the building's south side.

The parish grew and its need for a new and larger church building was pressing. In 1919, following World War I, construction began on the new church. It was dedicated for use on April 29, 1923.

The vacated church space on the second floor of the original building became a hall for both the school and the parish. School basketball games were played on a floor that had large wooden support columns located on the makeshift court. It was a novelty for visiting players to be keenly aware of, lest they unexpectedly collide with a column. The hall was used for meetings, for school Christmas parties, music recitals, long john donuts and milk after school Masses – and at times as the noon lunch room, although normally students crossed 16th Avenue to have lunch in a separate neighborhood building.

The school was bursting at its seams through the next decade. Various classes were at times located in nearby residences that were being purchased and outfitted by the parish.

The end of the 1928-29 school year saw the demise of the ninth and 10th-grade commercial or junior high classes. By then, both St. Mary's School in Moline and St. Joseph School in Rock Island had developed full four-year high schools serving those students who would move beyond eighth-grade. Both filled that capacity until September 1949, when Alleman High School opened its doors as a new and autonomous four-year high school to serve all parishes of the area.

Within a short time, Sacred Heart began planning for a new grade school building. On Sept. 28, 1952 the cornerstone was laid and

Year

the present elementary school at 1320 16th Ave. saw completion the following August and was dedicated on Sept. 7, 1953.

With the opening of the new school building, the original Sacred Heart grade school closed its doors. The building continued to be used for various functions until its demolition in 1965.

The old brick building ceased to exist, but memories exist still of Fr. Culemans, of kindergarten in the old house next to the school, the Franciscan Sisters with their black and white habits, First-Fridays, priests giving out report cards, walking as a class to manual arts and home economics classes at John Deere Junior High, saving for “pagan babies,” dusting blackboards that actually were black, boys playing marbles and “snus lid” on the playground, and the girls having their own playground next to the rectory to play hopscotch and jump rope and volleyball, ringworm checkups, daily Mass, and school picnics.

In a new and efficient era, good sense dictated that Sacred Heart Parish and St. Mary’s Parish would consolidate their schools – and the blended institution emerged in September 1978 as Seton Catholic School, effectively poised to serve all three of the Moline parishes into the future.

In Seton’s beginning, fifth and sixth grades attended classes at the St. Mary’s campus. All other grades

attended class at the Sacred Heart campus where the kindergarten through fourth grades met on the first floor of the school and in Culemans Hall, while the seventh and eighth grades occupied the second floor of the school building.

Eventually, the fifth and sixth grades returned to Sacred Heart campus, and the St. Mary’s building became the domain of seventh and eighth grades.

The 20th anniversary of Seton School’s inception took place in 1999, and it was celebrated with the dedication of a new Middle School building on the Sacred Heart campus at 1320 17th St. The culmination of six years of planning, fundraising and construction, the two-story building replaced the 70-year-old junior high facility at St. Mary’s. It brought to its sixth, seventh and eighth-grade population three classrooms for each grade level, music and art classrooms, a state of the art computer lab, two science labs, a library, offices and a new gymnasium, topped off with an elevator and air conditioning.

Seton Middle School, in the closing year of the 20th century, was dedicated on April 30, 1999 “to Reverend Robert E. Lee – a man of vision. His courage, commitment and perseverance turned a dream into reality. With his unique foresight and leadership, Catholic education is taken into the new millennium.”



The first-grade class in the old school, 1951



Sr. Mary Peter Cosgrove



The dwelling used for kindergarten, 1951



Sr. Mary Luke Kapraun

Bible Studies Offer Opportunity to Better Know Mary and Her Role in Our Faith Lives

This fall, our Thursday Bible Studies will bring you on an extraordinary pilgrimage revealing Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom in our lives.

Filmed in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*; is written by noted theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri. This study is part of the *Great Adventure Bible Series*.

As Catholics, we have a profound reverence for the Blessed Mother. We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in the Rosary, and in Marian devotions. We honor her with special feasts celebrating the significant events in her life. We place images of her in our churches and homes.

The Better We Know Mary, the Better We Will Know Her Son

With Dr. Sri on location in the Holy Land, this study and DVD presentation will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become part of your daily life, and in your daily life you will become more like Christ.

In Mary, You Will:

- See what life was like for Mary, and experience what she felt at each dramatic moment in Scripture.
- Visit the grotto of Mary's home in Nazareth, the cave where Christ was born in Bethlehem, the site of Our Lord's victory on the cross, and other rarely-seen places in the Holy Land.
- See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.
- Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a unique and personal way.
- Be drawn closer to Christ as Mary leads you to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.

The eight-part study begins Sept. 11 with two time options – 9:15 to 11 a.m. or 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Thursdays in Culemans Hall. The cost of the study is \$26.95, which includes the study book and other materials. The study includes lesson summaries, engaging questions that are used at home and in class, small group discussions, and each week's lesson is culminated with the DVD presentation.

For more information, contact Loretta Cuervorst at 309-762-0503 or Deacon Pat Murphy at plm-mbm@att.net.



MARY

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Dr. Edward Sri



A Real Treat for Our Parish Ice Cream Social



Sacred Heart's annual Ice Cream Social is a wonderful chance to build community among the members of our parish family.

"It is one of four or five annual events sponsored by the Social Activities Committee throughout the year to encourage our parish family to come together in a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy good food, great family fun, and wonderful fellowship," says Marcia Starr, a co-chair of the Ice Cream Social.

Our parish will celebrate this year's Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 17, from noon to 2 p.m. in Culemans Hall, enjoying great food and fun together.

"Since it's an Ice Cream Social, everyone will enjoy ice cream — with lots of toppings to choose from — desserts, along with lunch that includes sloppy joes, hot dogs and extras," Marcia says. "Children and adults can play some games and relax and get to know one another."

The activities and attractions at the social will also include games for all ages, as well as music provided by parishioner J.D. Hurt.

"This event is open to the entire parish, from small babies to people in their 90s or older," Marcia says. "Everyone will have a good time at this event."



An event like this takes a lot of effort from a number of people to make it successful. There are around 10 people on the main committee, and another 15 to 20 volunteers who help with the set-up, food and games, and cleaning up afterwards, not to mention all those who bake desserts for the event. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is more than welcome to do so.

"We can always use help the day before the event to set up for the Ice Cream Social, and then on the day of the event, whether it is before, during or after the event," Marcia says. "Also, we welcome from our parish families donated desserts to accompany our delicious ice cream."

No matter how parishioners choose to participate in the Ice Cream Social, the outcome will be the same — a lot of fun and fellowship, ice cream and building of community.

"It brings the parish community together," Marcia says. "We get to know each other as parish members and as a community."

For more information about the Ice Cream Social or to volunteer, please call Marcia Starr at 309-788-6128, or email her at starr2801@gmail.com.





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Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
Daily Masses (M-F): 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3 to 4 p.m.
and by appointment, call 762-2362

Eucharistic Adoration (St. Francis Chapel)

Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Sarah and Steve Rockwell *continued from front cover*

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After joining Sacred Heart, Sarah and Steve signed up to be greeters at the 9 a.m. Mass, which was one way they got to know their fellow parishioners. Now their daughters, Rachel and Kaitlyn, enjoy participating in the Children’s Choir and attend Seton Catholic School.

“We have encouraged Rachel and Kaitlyn to pray whenever they need help and to be involved as much as they can,” Sarah

says. “We hope that by sending the girls to Seton Catholic School that their faith will blossom into a deep love for Christ.”

Sarah and Steve will celebrate 15 years of marriage this September. They enjoy spending time with their twin daughters and practicing softball with them. They have found a parish to call home and a community in which they can be involved, providing an example of active giving for their daughters.

“We feel that by committing our time to the church, we are becoming closer to Christ,” Sarah says. “We enjoy being part of this parish.”

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