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Meet Father Isaac McDaniel

By Gary Marvin

You may have noticed a new face at Epiphany in the person of Fr. Isaac McDaniel. Fr. Isaac has presided at several weekend liturgies for our community and plans to be with us at least through the end of this year. He is a professor at Bellarmine and Spalding Universities where he teaches courses in Religion and United States history. He lives at St. Barnabas rectory and assists with weekend liturgies at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Barnabas. Fr. Isaac enjoys being able to celebrate with us and share with us in prayer.

Father Isaac was born at St. Joseph's hospital in Louisville, Kentucky but at age 6 months moved with his family to Owensboro where his father was to begin a career in law. He grew up in Owensboro, where his parents still live. He received a Bachelor's degree from Centre College and entered the National Guard upon graduation. After discharge, he spent some time with the Catholic Worker community in New York as well as several other communes in Kentucky and Georgia. His searching brought him to begin studies for the priesthood as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Kentucky. After a few years in the seminary, he entered the monastery at St. Meinrad where he became a monk and was ordained a priest. His higher education includes a Masters of Divinity from St. Meinrad School of Theology as well as a Masters and Doctor degree in History from the University of Notre Dame.

Upon leaving Notre Dame, he began a career as a professor of history at St. Meinrad. In 1995, Fr. Isaac began active pastoral work in local parishes in southern Indiana. It was here that he learned to incorporate stories and anecdotes from his childhood and teenage years in his homilies rather than abstract presentations that were more his style when he was teaching in the seminary. At that time, he also felt called to diocesan ministry. He spoke to Archbishop Kelly who approved his transfer to ministry in the Archdiocese of Louisville where he was born and for whom he studied many years ago. So, in some ways, life has come full circle for Fr. Isaac, who is now a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville. We are pleased to be able to participate in his ministry by being a community where he preaches as well.

For those who are interested in more information, Fr. McDaniel has also published a memoir of his experiences growing up in Owensboro, Kentucky during the first decades after World War II, when racial segregation prevailed throughout the South and Americans lived under the shadow of the Cold War. This book also conjures up the political and social chaos of the 1960's and examines religious life behind the cloister of a Benedictine monastery during the exciting years of reform that followed the Second Vatican Council. The book is entitled [A World to Remember](#) and is available on the internet from lulu.com publications.



Epiphany's Grounds – an Urban Forest Area

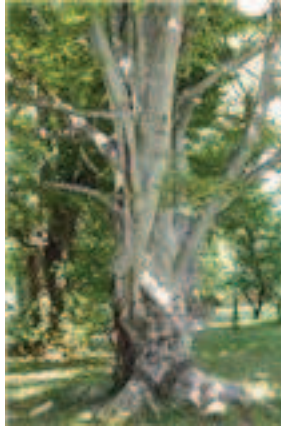
By Judy Webber

Epiphany's trees provide cooling shade, protection from buffeting winds and shelter for various wildlife. Although in a metropolitan setting, our 19.57 acres are so densely vegetated that you feel far from the city.

Administration committee members, Bob Overberg and Martha Stuber, provided some interesting details.

The total number of trees we have is unknown. Mr. Overberg advised that over the last 5 years with the drought, wind and ice storms we have lost between 50 and 60 trees.

Epiphany is designated an "urban forest area". Thus the Forestry Division of Kentucky's Department for Natural Resources expresses special interest. Yearly, a State arborist visits Epiphany to assess the condition of our trees and make recommendations. Their main suggestion is diversify the number of species. This allows the natural selection process for



plant survival.

We have the following species: white and red oaks, Japanese maple, ash, tulip, sycamore, dogwoods, aristocrat pear, red buds and evergreens of pine and spruce. The largest concentration is in ash and evergreen trees.

Invasive plantings of honeysuckle and burning bush are being removed so trees can thrive. This approach is being utilized in the Founders' Garden area. Contact either of the above individuals for a list of desirable plantings for memorials.

Epiphany has one tree that has merited special recognition. In 2005, our Carolina silverbell located behind the ramp at Epiphany House was nominated in Kentucky Forestry's Big Tree Program. It was determined the largest of its species and named that year's champion. The massive, gnarled trunk underscores the tree's huge expanse.



Culture and History of Croatia

By Lana Watson

From the historical texts Croatia is first mentioned in the ninth century by the Romans, and the word Croat (Hrvat) is connected to the middle age chieftain from the area.

The country stretches from the foothills of Julian Alps on the north-west border to the Pannonian plains in the north-east. The south border is Adriatic coast and the inland east borders Bosnia-Herzegovina. For American standards the country is not very large: 56, 542 km² or 21,825 square miles. Population is 4.5 million and Zagreb (the capital) has 1 million inhabitants making it the largest city in the country.

Croatia is well known for its beautiful coast line. It has 1,185 islands, islets and reefs. In the last 100 years tourism has become one of the most prominent economic staples of the area. The islands are called the jewels of the Adriatic and in 1999 Croatia received 3 international rewards for cleanest waters in the Mediterranean.

The culture and family life is centered in the cultural nationality and religion. 77% of the populations are Croats and are Roman Catholic. 11% are Serbs and are Eastern Orthodox. 1% are Muslims and 1% are "others", like Roma Gypsies, Jehovah Witnesses and Jews.

Croats refer to themselves as Catholics regardless if they practice the religion or not. Besides Christmas and Easter, All Saints Day (Sisvete) is one of the most important religious holidays. Surprisingly, it is observed by all religions in the region and time is devoted to the remembrance of those who have passed.



EPIPHANY'S BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – 39 YEARS OLD AND GROWING...

By Elaine Zeller and Jo Anne Feldman



Epiphany's Bereavement Ministry began 39 years ago with our first funeral in September 1971. Founding parishioners - Dottie Martin, Clis Podshadley, Evelyn Muller and Mae Frank - began the ministry by house sitting for parish families during funeral liturgies. It was the custom at that time for addresses to be published in the obituaries, which left families vulnerable to thefts. Clis commented, "We started taking food, because Epiphany never does anything without food!" Besides the food, which they and other parishioners prepared, they took along with them

tablecloths, cutlery, serving items - anything they thought would be needed to serve a meal.

Today's Bereavement Ministry continues their original mission of offering support and comfort to parishioners following the loss of a loved one. Elaine Zeller, new chairperson of the Bereavement Ministry, is helping to further the ministry by supporting families in a companionship program during the first year after the loss of a loved one. This outreach began three years ago when the Community Care Ministry was formed from the Parish Life Ministry. Elaine is new to this program, but feels her experience in the nursing field has prepared her in many ways for this new undertaking. Besides, she has Eileen Breslin, who was on the original bereavement team, as the Bereavement Reception Group Leader. Eileen oversees groups of parishioners who rotate the planning and hosting of our funeral receptions. Each team plans the meal, sets up and decorates the tables, serves and cleans up at the reception for Epiphany families following the liturgy.

As you can see, this ministry takes many hands to lighten the load.



Epiphany Angels Complete 2010 Softball Season

by Dustin Carnahan



The Epiphany Angels recently completed their 2010 St. Pius X Catholic Church 30 and Over Co-Ed Softball League season. The team, led by coach Tonya Cabral, consisted of a rotating line-up of players with a range of softball skills, ranging from experienced softball players to players who vaguely remember going to a baseball game twenty years ago. The Angels faced off against much more experienced teams and, in true underdog fashion, proceeded to lose every regular season game. Balls zipped past outstretched gloves and bats were swung too early. Though they finished 0-8, the Angels did begin to show signs of life as the season came to an

end. Fewer balls were dropped and the team even managed to only lose by single digits. The improving Angels were poised to make a run deep into the playoffs. Unfortunately, they lost their next two games and were eliminated. Even though they finished 0-10, the Angels had something that several of the best teams in the league did not. They had a good time. Players took pride in every catch and hit that they and their teammates made. Friends and family members cheered them on through their best and worst innings. At the end of the last game, the players left the field with the belief that, with a little practice, the 2011 Angels might actually win a game.

Nov. 2010

2	Day of the Dead Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
4	Memorial Liturgy + Reception	7 p.m.
4	Labyrinth Prayer	7p.m.
10	Epigram Committee	5 p.m.
12	Taize Prayer	6:50 a.m.
13	Peace Making Award Dinner	7 p.m.
20	Grounds Cleanup	8:30 a.m.
25	Thanksgiving Liturgy	10 a.m.

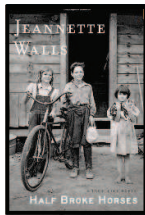
Dec. 2010

2	Labyrinth Prayer	7 p.m.
8	Communal Reconciliation	noon
10	Taize Prayer	6:50 a.m.
12	Christmas Caroling	1 p.m.
18	Posada	7 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve Liturgies	5:30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
25	Christmas Liturgy	10 a.m.
31	New Years Eve Dance	9 p.m.-1a.m.

WITH SYMPATHY

Lord, Let Us Forever Keep In Our Minds And Hearts These Of Your Children Who Have Experienced Their Own Resurrection And Those Who Grieve Their Loss

John Meadows	<i>father of Janice Wiegandt</i>
Regina "Rege" Leo	<i>cousin of Bobbe Moutray</i>
Donald Lowery Ulrich	<i>son of Bud Ulrich</i>
Juanita Buntain	<i>aunt of Connie Fowler</i>
Stella Macys	<i>mother of Sr. Mary Macys</i>
Emma Hile	<i>mother of Jo Adamczyk</i>
Ricardo Rivero Rodriguez	<i>uncle of Claudia Allen</i>
Julius Alker	<i>cousin of Martha Gyimesi</i>
Eugene (Fred) Gorton	<i>father of Glenn Gorton</i>
Mary Catherine Doty	<i>mother of Cathy Overberg</i>
Jim Ziska	<i>former husband of Pat Ashe</i>
Juli Witte	<i>sister of Susan Williams</i>
Bernard Holtman	<i>husband of Mary Holtman</i>



a good read

Half Broke Horses

by Jeannette Walls

reviewed by *Mary Ellen Horton*

This book is a prequel to The Glass Castle, a book review I wrote a while back. It's about Lily Casey Smith, grandmother of the author, Lily, raised in a sod dugout house, and later on a small ranch, was the strongest, most fearless and hard-working woman I've ever read about. As a small child in West Texas, she helped her father break horses, herd cattle and do the work of a small man. He taught her to read and write, while her delicate mother struggled to teach her manners. Quick-thinking and with a will of iron, she saved her two younger siblings from a flash flood by climbing a tree and making them hang on all night.

She was sent to the Sisters of Loretto in Santa Fe to educate her, teach her manners and, her mother hoped, prepare her for marriage. She found Mother Albertina who inspired her to

develop her intelligence and recommended her for a teaching job. She rode her horse four weeks to a small town in Arizona, camping alone all the way. She was 15, and carried a pearl handled revolver in her boot. She was an itinerant teacher, traveling where she was needed. Most schools had one room with a sleeping room attached.

While on a teaching job, she met the man she would marry, Jim Smith, who was impressed with her horse racing and courage. Jim was smart and steady and they were a winning combination. They had two children and worked unbelievably hard and, in spite of the depression, managed a large ranch successfully. Their oldest child was Rosemary, who in later years became the author's mother in The Glass Castle.



September plant exchange

