



News and Views

Divine Providence Province

Mom's Birthday

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

There is no historical record of the birth of Mary. It might come as a surprise to many, however, that during the time of Mary, as in any other Mediterranean societies of ancient times, the birth of a girl is a non-event inasmuch as the birth of a boy is a call for a big feast and celebration. Mary lived in a society where women were regarded properties of men and second class citizens. Thus, it would not be farfetched to say that Mary never celebrated her own birthday during her lifetime. Besides, there is no such thing as a yearly celebration of one's birthday during Mary's time. Today, however, birthdays have become a big deal. Could you imagine not celebrating your own birthday?

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim were infertile but prayed for a child. They received the promise of a child who would advance God's plan of salvation for the world.

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "Made a Sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the

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Birthday



Mother

Mary

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elders, and all the people of Israel.” “And Joachim brought the child to the priests,” the account continues, “and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations'... And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.’”

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

As the story of our salvation goes, however, Mary was chosen by God to be the bearer of God's Son into the world. God chose, of all the people, a poor, unknown and humble handmaid notwithstanding the domination of kings, powerful rulers, mighty warriors, wise judges, rich and influential people during her lifetime. Because of bearing God into the world, she was, indeed, “full of grace” and “blessed among all women/men.” God's election of Mary which brought forth the savior in the world will be a cause of joy for all generations. This is the primary reason why we are celebrating today her birthday. This celebration is not so much about herself but about all the wonders and bountiful graces that God has done to her. Mary herself would proclaim this in her song of Magnificat, “From this day all generations will call me blessed, the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name”.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.” Mary is called the firstborn of the redeemed and her nativity is “the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation” (Pope Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*).



In the liturgy on this day, the primary theme portrayed on this feast day is that the world had been in the darkness and with the arrival of Mary begins a glimmer of light. That light which appears at Mary's holy birth pre-announces the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World. Her birth is the beginning of a better world. The antiphon for the Canticle of Zechariah at the Morning Prayer of this day expressed these sentiments in the following way: "Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, proclaims joy to the whole world, for from you arose the glorious Sun of Justice, Christ our God; He freed us from the age-old curse and filled us with holiness; he destroyed death and gave us eternal life."

The Blessed Virgin has a pivotal role in the history of salvation, and she was given the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Today and every day, let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy".


- ❖ Volunteers from ASCI Italy will visit all of our communities/residence from August 30, 2023 to September 18, 2023. The goal of the visit is to monitor the ongoing projects for 2023-24; to monitor the funded projects for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23 and to monitor the requests for the year 2023-24 (Chennai, Warangal, Kolli Hills & Madurai). I request get ready with the annual plan, files and details for the distance adoption program (Boys Homes); to get ready with the Evening School students register and annual plan and hard copy of the proposed projects for the year 2023-24 (DGSS, Warangal, Madurai and Kolli Hills).
- ❖ We wish all the best for Fr. Benson, Fr. Praveen Jebakumar and Fr. Shantham who will be partaking in the forthcoming Formators' Meet at Italy in the beginning of September 2023.
- ❖ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to our confrere Bro. Stephen Raj on the demise of his beloved father. Please keep the bereaved family in your prayers.
- ❖ The ongoing Formation Manual Bond of Charity has been printed in English and distributed to the individual confreres and I therefore urge the Superiors and Residence In-charges to make use of it for further study and reflection in your community meetings and recollections.
- ❖ I appeal to the Superiors and Residence In-charges to prepare the annual project of the community at the earliest and send it to the provincialate, if you have not done so far.
- ❖ My sincere gratitude to all those who collaborated and helped in the organization of the priestly ordination and the first thanksgiving masses of the confreres.

FR. RONALD. J SDC

Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALENDER SEPTEMBER - 2023

- 1 - TNCRI Meeting
- 2- Jubilee Celebration of Salesians in Chennai
- 3- Mass in Besant Nagar Chennai
- 4-9 Classes in Cuddalore St Joseph Seminary



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE



Dear brothers and sisters,

Today you will walk with Jesus. Jesus is the Way and we will walk with him, because he himself undertook the journey. When he was among us, Jesus walked. He walked along healing the sick, caring for the poor, doing works of justice. As he walked he preached and taught. Jesus walked. But the journey most engraved on our hearts is the way of Calvary, the way of the Cross. And today you and I will prayerfully retrace the Stations of the Cross. We will see Jesus passing by, and walk with him.

Jesus' journey is this: God going out of himself in order to walk by our side. Often we hear at Mass that, "the Word became flesh and lived among us". Do you remember? The Word became a man and walked by our side; and he does this out of love, out of love. The Cross which accompanies every World Youth Day is the icon or image of this journey. The Cross is the greatest sign of the greatest love, the love with which Jesus wants to embrace our lives. Our lives? Yes! Your lives, the life of every one of you, each of us. Jesus walks for us. We must all say it: "Jesus undertakes this journey for me, in order to give his life for me". And no one has greater love than those who give their lives for their friends, than those who give their lives for others. Do not forget this: no one has greater love than those who give their lives. Jesus taught us this; which is why, when we look at the Crucified Christ, though it be painful and difficult, we see the beauty of the love that gives its life for each one of us. A very devout believer once said something that struck me very much: "Lord, as I contemplate your terrible sufferings, I find myself able to believe in love". Lord, as I contemplate your terrible sufferings, I find myself able to believe in love.

Jesus walks along, but he hopes for something: he desires our company, he hopes that we will fix our eyes on him. Perhaps he hopes to open the windows of my soul, of your soul, of each of our

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souls. How unattractive are those self-centred souls that strive and smile only inwardly. They makes no sense! Yet, Jesus walks along expressing his hope through love and tenderness, so as to give us consolation, to dry the tears of our lives.

Now I will ask you a question, but please do not answer out loud; each of you answer within yourself. Do you sometimes weep? Are there things in your life that make you cry? We have all cried in life, and we still weep. And Jesus is there with us, he weeps with us, because he accompanies us into those dark places that make us cry. Now, in a moment of silence, let each of share with Jesus what causes us to cry in our lives; let us tell him that now, in silence. . .

Jesus dries our hidden tears with his tenderness. Jesus wishes to relieve our loneliness with his closeness. Moments of loneliness are sad indeed, yet Jesus is there; he wants to relieve that loneliness. Jesus wishes to calm our fears, your fears, my fears; he wants to calm those deep fears with his consolation. He also desires to encourage us to embrace the risk of loving. Indeed, you know it well, better than I do, that to love is risky. We must take the risk of loving. Yet, though it is a risk, it is a risk worth taking, and Jesus accompanies us as we do. He always accompanies us, always walks with us. Throughout our lives, he is always by our side.

I do not wish to say much more. Today we are going to journey with Jesus along the path of his suffering, along the path of our worries, the path of our loneliness.

Now, in a further moment of silence, let each of us think about our own sufferings, our own worries, our own weaknesses. Do not be afraid, just think about them. And think of the desire our souls have to shine once more. . .

And Jesus journeys to the Cross, dies on the Cross, to enable our souls to shine. Amen.

Franciscus

Pope Francis





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INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICES



CHENNAI PROVINCIALATE : An effective communication system forms the backbone of any successful organization. It facilitates seamless collaboration, boosts productivity, and fosters a connected and engaged workforce. In order to enhance our evangelical work Don Guanella Communication Center and Don Guanella Study Center was furnished with the new offices in Don Guanella Major Seminary . It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Ronald Provincial superior on August 17 . A special thanks to everyone who involved in making this dream a reality. Without the tireless efforts, unwavering support, and collective determination, this accomplishment would not have been possible.

EYE CAMP FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

CHENNAI - DGSS: A reputable eye hospital organized an eye camp at our school. A group of ten optometrists from this hospital agreed to participate and visit our school. They conversed with our students and their families, getting case histories and checking for eye issues. Twenty-seven pairs of eyeglasses were given to our students by Sankara Netralaya (SN) free of charge.



The remaining members were advised to visit their local hospital to obtain medications. The camp was very beneficial. Many students profited from this event.

DONORS VISIT OUR SCHOOL

CHENNAI - DGRC: Mr. Vincent, our school's benefactor, and his son and daughter-in-law visited our school today to celebrate his grandchild's first birthday. The family generously donated a 25 kg bag of rice and grocery items for each of our school employees. Mr. Vincent has sponsored on four occasions so far. Everyone thanked the family for their generosity and extended best wishes to the birthday child. The day was pleasant for all involved.



A DAY OUT IN CHENNAI

CUDDALORE: On the 17th of August, the initiation students were taken to Chennai to help prepare for the ordination of two of our deacons. Following the Sacerdotal Ordination ceremony on the 19th of August, these students were treated to a day out with a pilgrimage in and around Chennai. They visited St. Thomas Mount, Little Mount, Besant Nagar Our Lady of Good Health Shrine, and Elliot's Beach. Lastly, they had a chance to visit Santhome Cathedral. It was an enriching and joyful experience for all of them. Fr. Jeyaseelan accompanied them, and the whole day was animated and arranged by Fr. Benson and the DGMS Community Fathers.



EXHIBITION EXPO EXPERIENCE

CUDDALORE: The initiation candidates and two third-year college students attended a multi-faceted exhibition at Immaculate School in Ariyankuppam on the 25th of August 2023. The presentation was three hours in duration and was well-organized. It involved collaborating with the management staff, teachers, and students from all departments: Bible, Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Commerce, Arts and Crafts. The students prepared, organized, and explained their



fields creatively. The presentations helped the brothers foster familiarity with and interest in individual fields as direction for their life and work.

FIRST CLASSICAL ACADEMY



CUDDALORE: As part of the curriculum, the St. Joseph's Seminary Community organized a classical academy on the theme "Manipur Violence." The academy was presided over by Rev. Sr. Shalini FSAG, the Assistant Novice Mistress of Gonzaga Novitiate. The academy helped the candidates in formation increase their awareness of what is happening in the state of Manipur and the triggers resulting in the present conditions and struggles of the people. Three speakers elaborated on the theme successively: the Geography of the Manipur State, the Cultural and Religious Background of the State, and Ethnic Violence. All the college and higher secondary students animated the academy along with some of the initiation brothers who participated in the academy. In her Presidential Address, Sr. Shalini highlighted the present situation of Manipur and the peoples' agonies. She expressed her appreciation to the participants and offered encouragement for their future studies.

FREEDOM CELEBRATED

CUDDALORE: On August 15th, the Solemnity of Assumption of Mary and Independence Day were celebrated grandly at St. Joseph's Seminary. The Holy Eucharist was solemnized by Rev. Fr. Adaikalam, the Superior and Rector, with Fr. James, the Administrator, concelebrating. The Rector highlighted the significance of the Blessed Mother and her Assumption. He also spoke



on the topic of freedom and its importance. Many people struggled to obtain release from the former rulers of the country, and it must be a sacrifice that is valued. After the Holy Eucharist, an important



person, Mr. Ambrose SI, the Special Branch CID, arrived and hoisted the National Flag. He delivered an inspiring speech that enkindled our desire to strive to do our best at all times. The mother of one of our candidates also joined the celebration. The students performed in various cultural events such as parades, pyramids, singing, dancing, and delivering speeches on independence. After the ceremonies and events, the students organized a friendly volleyball match with three teams. Following lunch, they watched a movie, and in the evening, they recited the rosary in Mary's garden.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IN KUMBAKONAM



KUMBAKONAM: “God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly...(Pope Francis)” Grandparents are the family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close to heart. The Church observes World Grandparents' Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. We also honored them on the 6th of August 2023. The function started with welcoming the grandparents with crowns because they are the kings and queens of the families. We had a special Mass and prayer. In his homily, Fr. A. Bernandas highlighted the importance of grandparents in the family. He also quoted the Holy Father's message on World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the theme for this year: “His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50). After the Mass, fathers, sisters, and the faithful received blessings from him. The celebration ended with gifts and honoring the grandparents.

SPORTS DAY

KUMBAKONAM: As we celebrate India's 77th Independence Day 2023 on August 15, it's a time to reflect on our incredible journey as a nation. We're celebrating the spirit that has shaped our diverse land into a thriving democracy. This day was a tribute to the sacrifices of our ancestors and a reminder of the ideals that bring us together. We renewed our commitment to a future filled with unity, growth, and prosperity. In commemorating this historic occasion, Don Guanella Evening School celebrated a



sports day for our children. The groups were divided by their villages' names. More than 150 students participated and enjoyed the activities. The Guanella Youth Movement from the parish organized the different games. Fr. Maria Arokiadoss, Fr. A. Bernandas, Fr. J. David, and our Guanellian sisters distributed prizes to the winners. All the students received a lunch bag as a gift. To add to the festivities, Fr. J. David gave a talk on the theme of the nation. The program ended with sweets and snacks.



RENEWING THE SPIRIT

KUMBAKONAM: Don Guanella Evening School Kumbakonam had a special meeting for the evening



schoolteachers to renew their spirit and interest. There are currently 10 centers, 15 teachers, and 170 students. Topics for this meeting were to explain the importance of becoming a part of the Guanellian Family and discuss the world's present condition. The chief guest, Mr. Vinoth, highlighted the importance of teachers to our educational system and how to make our evening school

more effective. Teachers, with great joy and enthusiasm, participated in the meeting. The Superior spoke about the practice of the preventive system, a joyful atmosphere, and the preference for the least ones in the tuition centers. For each tuition center, we provided study materials for the students, such as boards, notebooks, homework notes, pens, pencils, and pouches. Regular lessons were insisted upon. The program ended with a blessing.

77th INDEPENDENCE DAY YESUVANAM

SIVAGANGAI: The 77th Independence Day celebration was on the 15th of August 2023 at St. Guanella Anbagam Residential Special School in Yesuvanam. Mr. David, the CEO of Nirmal Marketing



at Kalayarkovil, was the Chief Guest and hoisted the National Flag. Our students presented various cultural events such as pyramid, yoga, singing, dance, poem reading, talk, mimicry, and drama of social awareness based on current issues. The chief guest was excited and watched our children's cultural programs. He appreciated the effort and involvement of the children and was astounded at seeing the students' abilities. He also admired and was amazed at the fathers' service to the children. He said, "I never sat and watched events till the end in any function, but today, the permanence of these children made me stay." He also expressed appreciation to the staff members for the excellent preparation and organization of the occasion. The event ended with the singing of our national anthem by the students.

SMALL VISITORS WITH BIG HEARTS

BANGALORE: "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for the kingdom belongs to them" (Mtt 19:14). The children from St. Joseph European High School paid a visit to our elderly destitute home recently. The children were from 2 sections of the 6th STD, which involved about 200 students. They entertained our elderly men with their talents, like singing with guitar accompaniment, dance, enactments, and some extraordinary skills such as beatboxing. The students also brought



gifts of snacks and toiletry articles to our residents. Following these activities, the children had an opportunity to interact with the elderly on a one-to-one basis, enabling them to demonstrate the virtues of love and charity towards others. Our elderly men were also so happy to see the children; they felt loved and cared for, which gave them hope and rejuvenated their spirits.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

CUDDALORE: On the 15th of August, we celebrated Independence Day in our Boy's Home. The special guest Local Councilor, Mr. Prasana, came and hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day message. In his speech, Mr. Prasana mentioned that we, the people of India,




celebrate and honor our nation's achievements, pay tribute to the people who have sacrificed their lives for the safety of their country, and remember the rich history of India's freedom struggle. A thousand salutes to this great nation of ours. May it become even more prosperous and great. Let us remember the golden heritage of our country and feel proud to be a part of India. Our boys performed a variety of cultural programs organized by Fr. Vanathiyen. To conclude the celebration, sweets were distributed to all in attendance.

CELEBRATING THE 77th INDEPENDENCE DAY OF OUR COUNTRY

Britain had ruled India for almost 200 years, and after a continuous struggle by our freedom fighters, we achieved independence on the 15th of August 1947. On this special occasion, we, the Nazareth Illam Community, celebrated India's independence, and paid tribute to all the freedom fighters. At 10 a.m., community members, residents, staff, and guests gathered on the community premises for the celebration. The Guest of Honor was Mr. Lion Vitheeswaran, the Past District Governor of the Rotary Club, Erode. The program began with welcoming the Chief Guest, followed by Mr. Vitheeswaran hoisting the National Flag. St. Ann's School children from Diginare joined us for the program and performed some dances. The residents of the Nazareth Illam community were happy to participate in the function, and





they performed dances, songs, and gave speeches. Finally, the Chief Guest greeted the gathering and wished the residents good health. With the sharing of snacks, the program came to an end.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION



CHENNAI: On August 19th, our Deacons, Bros. Philomin Raja and Yesu Babu, were ordained by the Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy, the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore. Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SDC (the General Councilor), and Rev. Fr. Ronald (the Provincial Superior) were also present. The motto for the ordination was “To Remain in His Love.” Many fathers and sisters joined in celebrating the Priestly Ordinations and came to express their well wishes to them.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



CHENNAI: On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day, Rev. Fr. Jebastian celebrated Mass for the DGMS community. Fr. Jebastian spoke about the Blessed Virgin Mary and miracles in his homily. Following the Mass, we celebrated Independence Day in front of DGSS. Fr. Jebastian addressed the attendees, delivering a message on “freedom with responsibility.” Afterward, the brothers played a volleyball match. To conclude the day, the community gathered before the grotto in the evening to pray the rosary.




6 YEARS OF STRONG SUPPORT WITH A WARM HEART



CHELSEA: Sam Cottone knows from his brother who fostered and then adopted five children, some victims of abuse and others with developmental disabilities, how inspiration can come from helping people reach their potential. "They're all a real success story, and that's what inspired me to get involved with St. Louis Center." After visiting the Center, Sam, Mike, and good friend Joe Maniaci, started the Dad and Lad Golf Outing, now in its 26th year. Known for its wonderful course, delicious dinner, and wonderful auction items, the event has become a "must" for many attendees. This year on August 2nd, Sara, a St. Louis Center resident, serenaded diners with her recorder, followed by Jerome, another resident, sharing his amazing baritone voice with a beautiful rendition of "Blue Moon". Attendees were thrilled, as were the performers with the accolades they received. As Sam said many years ago, "Since we can't physically go out and help... we can be here to financially help them."

VOLLEYBALL AND VESPERS





August was a very busy month at the Pious Union. It started with “Volleyball and Vespers” on August 6th. Over 30 teens and young adults came to the Shrine. The evening began with volleyball, snacks and lemonade. Towards dusk, the young people gathered in church for vespers and benediction.

CELEBRATING OUR LADY

Grass Lake: August 15th was the Feast of the Assumption. Many people and families came to honor Our Lady at Mass on her special day. Mass was celebrated at the outdoor worship space.

FUN AT THE BALL PARK

Chelsea: On Friday, August 18th, the St. Louis Center residents were treated to a baseball game. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus 20 residents and staff members rode a bus to downtown Lansing to see the Lugnuts play at Jackson Field. Since it was the annual Vocations Night event, the stadium was full of priests and nuns also out to enjoy America's Favorite Pastime. The outing included a meal from the concession stands and plenty of time to visit with old friends and make new ones.




A THEATRE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES



Chelsea: Since 2012, Open Spot Theatre has proudly taught people of ALL abilities music and movement therapy. Classes are led by trained instructors who are professionals in theatre, sign language, and/or special education. Singing, acting, and dancing are included in all the programs, along with sign language interpretations.

St. Louis Center worked with Open Spot Theatre in the past. One resident's parent, Amy, took it upon herself to raise the funds to bring this program back after seeing the benefits of music and dance in her daughter's life. August 21st was the second performance of 2023.

The residents of the Center wrote a play about taking a road trip. With the help of Open Spot Theater, residents constructed a play about taking a long drive from their home to California. Characters Charlie Brown, Black Panther, and Princess Fiona head out across the county on trip to see California. Along the way the run into other people who want to see California also. Finally, the group



reached their destination of California. The group enjoyed their trip and ended the performance with a musical number of Here Comes the Sun that was performed vocally and in sign language. It was a touching experience for all who were involved, the night ended with the crowd cheering and many smiles filled the room. Before heading back to their homes, residents enjoyed a cookie and juice along with congratulating the "actors" on their performances.

FUN AT THE FAIR

Chelsea: Each summer the entire community anticipates the many fun events that take place at the fair. The St. Louis Center residents enjoy going to the fair too. Staff members are sure to take them to some of their most favorite events: demolition derby, rodeo, food concessions, and of course visiting the animals and craft barns. Some residents even have the opportunity to enter their handiwork into the fair. On opening night August 22nd, several guys went to the derby. A few days later they went to the fair again to enjoy some food and other fair fun.



EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

Chelsea: On the final day of the fair, this year August 26th, the highlight of the day is the fair parade. For the second year in a row St. Louis Center staff prepared a float for the residents to ride on. This year they chose the theme "St. Louis Center Allstars." The float was decked out with pennants and sports themed decorations. Staff members were dressed as referees, and the residents wore their shirts from their favorite teams. There were buckets of Starburst candy for everyone to toss to the eager spectators. People all along the parade route were overjoyed to see the residents.





THE BLESSING OF THE BISHOP



Chelsea: The generosity of Mary Doyle made St. Joseph Hall possible on the St. Louis Center campus in 1980. It was time for a major remodeling of the living space to update this residential building and provide the residents with individual rooms. Bishop Earl Boyea from the Diocese of Lansing celebrated Mass and rededicated the home on Sunday, August 27th. The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Guard was on hand to make the event special. St. Louis Center residents took part in Mass as altar servers and lectors. Many supporters, family members, and benefactors were in attendance. They were able to tour the home, visit with residents and enjoy food prepared by the Center's kitchen staff.

MEN'S KNIGHT OUT


Chelsea: The Knights of Columbus Council #4354 hosted a men's night out August 28th. All area priests are invited to the event where each man gets to prepare and grill his own steak. There is plenty of fresh corn to go with the steak, and plenty of people to meet and greet. This year Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC, Fr. David Stawasz, SdC, Fr. Leo Joseph, SdC, and Fr. Franklin Arockiadoss, SdC enjoyed the fellowship and fun at the Steak Fry.



SUMMER PICNIC



Chelsea : The St. Louis Center Aktion Club had a busy summer of assisting the Chelsea Kiwanis Club at various events. Club members keep themselves busy around the Center's campus and the greater community helping where they can. To cap off the summer, the Aktion Club invited members of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club to the Center for a picnic. On



Wednesday, August 30th, burgers and hot dogs were grilled and potato salad was prepared. Members of both clubs and all of the residents and staff of the Center gathered for dinner in the gym. Afterward, they went out to the Special Needs Playground to enjoy music and outdoor games.

PILGRIMS ABOUND

Chelsea : The Shrine has also seen many pilgrims, who visit on their summer vacations. A couple from Arizona recently stopped for Mass and a stroll around the grounds. Work also began on the outdoor Stations of the Cross. New electrical lines and solar-powered audio boxes are being installed. With the prerecorded prayers, it will now be possible to pray along with each Station. The wood of the Stations is also being treated so that it can better stand up to the elements.

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Fr. John Joseph
- 8 - Fr. Kanikkai Raj. A
Fr. Amal Raj.
Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy
- 14 - Fr. David Edward Stawasz
- 16. Fr. David Anburaj
- 18 - Fr. Anil Francis Kumar
- 19. Fr. Maria Paulraj
- 26. Fr. Arun David
- 28 - Fr. Leo Joseph
- 29 - Fr. Iruthayaraj

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FEAST DAYS

- 8 - Fr. Maria Arokiadoss
Fr. Franklin Arokia doss
Fr. Arockia Raj
Fr. Stalin. S
Fr. Arockia Vanathaiyan. A
Fr. Arockia Doss. J
Bro. Arockia Jayaseelan. M
Bro. Arockia William
Bro. Arockia Samy
- 29 - Fr. Felicks Michael
Fr. Gabriel
Fr. Rishar Raffee Jegan
Fr. Michael Durai Samy. A

**“Every time you smile at someone,
it is an action of love, a gift to that person,
a beautiful thing.”**

- Mother Teresa

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