

N E W S L E T T E R

Where you're never too good to come inAnd you're never too bad to stay out !

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THE MASS – THE CENTER OF OUR FAITH

Have you been thinking about your New Year's resolutions? Most of us strive to make them and then forget about them in two or three weeks, as we fall back into our old habits. Maybe we need to keep a Journal and write down our commitments.

If we were to take a survey, we'd find most of us would choose a resolution about losing weight or giving up something like cigarettes. Maybe we should also choose something that would benefit our spiritual life?

Sunday is considered the Lord's Day and one of the activities that identifies Catholics is that we must attend Mass on Sunday and Holidays. This becomes a habit, but it is easy to get out of the habit. We become obsessed with things like cleaning the house, attending ball games, working at a job that is time consuming with long hours, etc. Doesn't this sound like we have put attending Mass on the same level as losing weight and quitting smoking?

We send a message to God when we miss Mass that the blood that Jesus shed for us was wasted. Have you thought of that before? Let's not waste the blood of Jesus! The Mass is the center of our faith. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith according to the documents of Vatican II. The Mass gives us the opportunity to gather as community to give thanks and praise to God. When we receive Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity it nourishes us and keeps us spiritually strong to withstand the assaults of evil. Sorry to say, with the shooting that occurred last week in Tucson, Arizona, our world is besieged with evil. Therefore, we must work diligently to maintain a healthy spirituality. All of us sometimes fail and that is when we need to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We always receive graces from participating at Mass, receiving the Eucharist and

in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is what keeps us spiritually strong! If you are already attending Mass each Sunday, another good resolution is to participate in Perpetual Adoration. Some parishes keep a list for people to sign up for Adoration. I'm wondering how many vacant slots there would be here at St. Peter? We tend to put our busy worldly life ahead of our spiritual life, and, in reality we are losing out on some of the most important things we could do for ourselves. We've gotten out of the habit of taking care of our spiritual life. Lets get back into the habit of putting Christ first in our life by not missing Mass – the center of our faith.

What the Mass means to me

Comments from Parishioners

Luke, 1st Grade: I like to go to Mass because I get to be with God our Father in his house.

Emily, 5th Grade: It makes me feel so good to know that Jesus loves me and cares for me so much that he gave up his life for me, and that he saves us from our sins.

Jan: The reason I attend Mass has changed over the years. As a young child, I went to Mass because my parents or one of my teachers said we were going. As a young adult, I went to Mass because I was a member of the Catholic faith and that is what Catholics do. As I matured in my faith, I began to attend Mass to show my love and gratitude to God for all he has done for me.

He gave me so much for this small sacrifice of my time. Through the Eucharist, He gives me His only Son, Jesus, to bless and strengthen me in my personal faith journey. Yes, I go to Mass to thank God, but I leave owing Him even more!

John 5th Grade: After Mass, I feel better and feel closer to God.

Erin, 8th Grade: During Mass, we are all able to sing and celebrate as an entire family. A special time in Mass to me is when I can receive the Eucharist. I think this is special because it is a time for me to pray to Jesus and think about what he did for me.

HEINZLER FAMILY Blacksmith Shop
as told by Alberta (Heinzler) Dierking & Gene
Heinzler By: Virginia Sprigg

As I drive the usual route along Miami Avenue or Salt Pond to head to the Marshall Square or Post Office, familiar sights come in to view. I see the old Heinzler Homestead on the corner of Miami and Jackson Streets looking much the same as it did over 80 years ago; or, I pass by the Heinzler Blacksmith Shop along Washington & Salt Pond Streets, looking a lot like it did in the 1930's when I walked this neighborhood from school. Of course, the old Homestead along Miami is not the first home the Heinzler Family lived in. Their story began with the birth of Mathilda (Tillie) Hagedorn, near Herman, MO, on April 25, 1890 and the birth of Edward H. (E.H.) Heinzler near New Frankfort, MO North of Gilliam, on November 21, 1880. I sat with two of their 12 children for this interview.

Alberta, born March 21, 1921, will be 90 years old this March and Eugene (Gene), born November 10, 1925, is 85 years old. Alberta was the 5th child born to Mathilda (Tillie) and E. H. Heinzler, and, Gene was the 7th child of 12 children. Raphael, the first child died in infancy. Then followed Lavern, Andrew (Andy), Frank, Alberta, Mary Lee, Eugene (Gene), Joseph (Joe), Robert (Bob), Thomas (Tom) who died at 14 months, Carl and James (Jim). Those living in 2011 are Alberta, Gene and Jim in Marshall and Carl and Bob in the State of California.

Mathilda and E. H. met when they both moved to Slater, MO and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church. E. H. started working for the Railroad as Slater in the 1900's was known as a Railroad Mega with a Round House. Jobs on the railroad were plentiful and good paying. As well as working for the railroad, E. H. or Ed as most folks called him, also worked with his Uncle Frank Heinzler in Slater learning the blacksmith trade. The family lived on a small farm just outside Slater. It was during this time that the town of Shackelford was growing with many new immigrants moving in to purchase land to farm. Ed decided he could make use of his blacksmith skills he had developed by moving his family to the predominately Catholic community of farmers who would need the use of his skills. Ed opened a

small shop in the Malta Bend area not far from Shackelford. Both towns were growing. Alberta says she started school at Malta Bend.

As the town of Marshall grew so did all of Saline County, and Ed felt it was time to move his family to a larger community where the children could attend Mercy Academy and he could open a shop in Marshall. Joe was the last to be born in Malta Bend with the rest of the children being born in Marshall. The family moved in 1927 and all attended and graduated from Mercy Academy. Gene said he was about 2 years old and started school at Mercy in 1932.

Ed opened his first shop on the corner of Morgan & Jefferson Streets next to the Marshall Laundry, then later moved it to the corner of South Salt Pond and Washington Streets. Ed developed horse shoeing to the highest degree and customers came from all over Saline County and as far away as Higginsville and Lexington. Ed had erected the building in about 1927 and added other structures in the 1930's and 1940's that still stand today. When Ed decided to retire and turn over the business to some of his sons, Lavern, Andy and Frank, they expanded to the east and north purchasing the old Al Brown mule barn in the early 1950's. When Andy died in the 1960's, Jim came to work in the business, as he had been teaching and coaching in the Kirksville schools. Jim had 3 children, James G., Steve and Susan. Jim served on the Marshall School Board and the Marshall Municipal Utility Board for many years. In the 1980's, the two brothers sold the business to Jim, his son Steve, and Leroy Raines. The Heinzler Brothers Blacksmith Shop continues to operate today much as it did in the 1920's, with nothing fancy, a real work environment and they continue to burn wood to heat the building. Gene said all of us boys were expected to come to the shop after school to help in anyway that we could, whether it was sweeping the floor, cleaning up a mess, or helping with a project. (I'm thinking Mathilda wanted the boys out of her hair for awhile.) Alberta said she and her sister were her Moms right hands to help with chores at home like cooking, laundry and cleaning for their big brood.

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Catholic Schools Celebrate Service
St. Peter Home and School
Chili & Soup Supper & Carnival
January 29, 2011

St. Peter Gym, 368 S. Ellsworth, Marshall

All you can eat Homemade Chili and
Chicken Noodle Soup

Supper: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Carnival: 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Adults \$7. – Children under 12 - \$3.

Carry-outs Available

Games for all ages

50/50 Raffle