

SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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Summer Plans [that are earth changing]

As I write this, we are celebrating the Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima's Third Visit from Heaven to the three shepherd children in Portugal on July 13, 1917. She reveals to mere children the secrets of God's tender love for our world [which then was lost in the horror of World War I]. It is so simple:

Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war; for only she can help you.

Along with Lucia's opening greeting to Our Lady "What do you want of me?" Lucia asked: "Will you please tell us who you are and perform a miracle so that everyone will believe that you really appear to us?" And to this Our Lady said:

Continue to come here every month on the 13th. In October, I will say who I am and what I desire and I will perform a miracle all shall see, so that they believe. Sacrifice yourselves for sinners; and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice: O my Jesus, it is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary I offer this sacrifice to you.

Next Mary showed them a horrifying vision of hell and related three secrets to them, asking for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the **Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays**. She taught them two more prayers:

O Most Holy Trinity, I adore you; my God, my God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament. When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: **O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy.**

Wait, isn't this deceptively simple of our Heavenly Mother to ask of us? Who of us could not do this?! Is it so simple that we resist, do we expect a harder request? And now the key question, the answer to war and problems earthside: Can we and do we: **Pray a daily Rosary with these short prayers taught to us by Our Lady herself?**

With greetings for a **summer to change our lives and our world**, and asking Our Mother Thrice Admirable to help us from her shrine, *Sister M Jessica*

☞ Lydia Drees made her covenant of love April 1 at the Mother Daughter Weekend. Monsignor Lozinski & Sr



M Faustina are pictured with her mom Beth from Austin MN



☞ May 4th Crowning at Danell Rudquist Home, Hudson WI

Featured Schoenstatter: James Wolf



My name is James Wolf, I am 18 years old, and I have been in the Schoenstatt community for as long as I can remember. I grew up with Schoenstatt. It's almost like a second home to me. I always feel comfortable and safe when I

enter the center, talk with the sisters, and – of course – enter the shrine.

I began working with the Schoenstatt Boys' Youth when I was around thirteen or fourteen years old. I attended my first ever Schoenstatt Father Son weekend camp. I remember how incredibly excited and nervous I was, but it ended up being an exceptionally successful weekend of prayer, fun, and the making of new friends – friends who I still stay in touch with to this day. Over the years, I have attended more Father Son camps, as well as, high school boys' camps in Wisconsin. Through these camps, I have gained friendships, grown in my faith and knowledge, and strengthened my relationship with God and the MTA. Eventually, I became a district leader for the Boys' Youth in Minnesota, and then had the honor of becoming the regional leader of the Boys' Youth, which included overseeing and keeping in contact with the Boys' Youth of Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, and a couple other states. However, now that I am graduating from high school, it will soon be time for me to pass on my responsibilities to others who are anxiously ready and willing.



I have already finished my first year of college as a PSEO student. I attended Hennepin Technical College in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and plan to return there this fall to finish up my Associates Degree in Engineering CAD Technology. I hope to get a job in the field of drafting and designing, but for now, I am a waiter at my local restaurant, which is both hard work and fun. The experience, atmosphere, and people I have the privilege

to interact with is like nothing I've ever experienced before, and it is truly amazing.

Something that impresses me about Schoenstatt is how much it's grown over the years and how many lives it has truly touched and changed – my family's and myself included. What's one of my favorite things about Schoenstatt? Normally, I'd say the food – which is still true, it's delicious! Always! But also, the people I get to meet, and how strong-willed, kind, and accepting they all are, and how each person I meet has a different story as to how they found or were introduced to Schoenstatt.

Something I enjoy doing for the MTA is offering up struggles – small or large – which challenge me daily. Whether it's an extremely difficult essay for school, a rude customer at work, or something in my personal life, I offer it all up to the MTA in the hopes she can use my sacrifice and willingness to help somebody else in the world.

Strength and community is what I believe is one of the most powerful things that I – and the young men who I know in Schoenstatt – have received from Schoenstatt. Strength to continue life as a strong, humble, and courageous Catholic man, and the sense and comfort that no matter what struggles we are challenged with in life, we have a community who is always willing to listen and help us in difficult times.



I hope that one day, the Father Son and Boys Camps at Sleepy Eye MN will fill up as largely and fast as the girls' camps do. That is honestly my goal for Schoenstatt in my area.



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Pilgrimage

Cherished Memories by Laura Deml



The beloved Mother Daughter Weekend this spring was during Lent from March 31–April 2, 2017, at Sleepy Eye MN.



The Schoenstatt Mother Daughter retreat was a great experience for me to get to know my mother and to make some new friends. Each day was started and ended with prayer in the shrine which was a great way to grow in my faith and to learn some new prayers. Each day had something special that without you realizing it, was teaching you about Jesus' life or helping you improve on teamwork. Each day brought me closer to both my mom and to Jesus. And even though we spent time learning and praying and listening, we still had plenty of time for a couple games of ping pong and cards that helped to keep the balance of fun and learning equal (even though they were often combined).



The sisters have a way of making the whole trip seem exciting and making you feel like the trip couldn't have happened without you there. I learned a lot at the Schoenstatt Mother Daughter Retreat and made some friends that I never thought that I would make, plus I got to write this article. I can't wait until next year!

- Laura with her Mom and Megan from Ellendale, MN

Flock Talk

By Our Lady's Disciples

It's Summertime! And here's hoping that some part of your summer is vacation time! Time to get away from work, home chores, and volunteer activities. But what about God? How do we include God in our vacations?

I'm fortunate to be part of a group of guys who have found a fun way to make our faith part of an annual vacation. A group of dads from St. Rose of Lima in Roseville take our kids camping for a weekend each summer (we borrowed the idea from a men's group at St. Charles Borromeo parish). This summer was our 13th year, every year going to the same campground (Eau Galle Recreation Area in Wisconsin). The moms don't come – they get a weekend at home by themselves to recharge, and surprisingly, the moms don't ever complain about being left out!

We started relatively small: 8 dads and about 25 people total, but we've grown. Our peak was 17 dads and about 65 people total. The oldest kids in the group are now 26 or 27 years old, and they still like to come along.

We make sure that we say grace before every meal, including the lunch that we have down at the public beach. We say grace as a group in front of all of the other beachgoers – maybe it's a bit of evangelization to the others. But more importantly, it shows our children that the dads take our faith with us when we go on vacation.

One of the best ways to show our kids that faith can be a real part of vacations is on Sunday mornings. Every year, we attend Sunday morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Spring Valley. When a group the size of ours shows up, the parish notices.

Sacred Heart has a Donut Sunday on the first Sunday of each month, and we hit the Donut Sunday on one of our first camping trips. The donut organizers had to run out to the grocery store quickly to get enough donuts for the larger-than-expected congregation. After Mass, they told me how much they like our group showing up at Mass but asked me to let them know each year the weekend that we will come. We typically come on the last weekend of June, which is not their normal Donut Sunday. However, they now have a bonus Donut Sunday on the day that we come to Mass. We, in turn, try to fill their collection plate enough to make it worth their while.

But what is most important is what the kids see, both our children and the children at Sacred Heart. They see that the dads are going to go to Mass on Sunday, even while we are on vacation – it simply is part of what we do and what God calls us to do. The kids also see that Sacred Heart is so incredibly welcoming of visitors, as Jesus calls us all to be. They feed us (and those donuts really hit the spot!). The priest gives us a special greeting during Mass each summer, and at this year's Mass, we even got a special blessing.

It is part of the vocation of being a parent to teach our children that faith is a part of our life. God doesn't take vacations from us, so we can't take vacations from God.

Resolution: Praise and thank God each day for his fatherly love and mercy!

As always, we welcome feedback and ideas at flocktalkmn@gmail.com.

Schoenstatt's Founder Relates Fatima

Father Joseph Kentenich explained Fatima to the parishioners of St Michael's German Parish on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, August 22, 1965. Try to take the time to read his whole sermon starting on page 115 in The Game of Love.

The history of the feast directs our attention to the apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Fatima. These apparitions are unique because of Mary's exterior appearance; they are unique because of the message she proclaimed; and they are unique because of the mission she emphasized.

Her appearance is unique: she is young, wondrously beautiful in all her features, especially her countenance. She is clothed in a white dress veiling her figure completely and, strangely enough, quite frequently she appears without the Child in her arms. Instead she has a rosary in her hands. Despite the joy emanating from her manner, from her person, she is enveloped in deep sadness. A unique picture of the Blessed Mother.

What is her unique message? I presuppose what we all know the main points although in religious questions we are often very, very forgetful. Nevertheless, if I were to characterize the uniqueness of the message in one sentence I would have to say that in a singular manner, the Blessed Mother very emphatically draws our attention to her own person. It is not as if Christ or the heavenly Father had to step into the background. They are always included. But her own person stands strongly, extraordinarily strongly in the foreground. At first, we must be surprised at this. Why? True, when we examine Holy Scripture, we find that remarkable things are written about the Blessed Mother, but generally speaking, as compared with her Son, she disappears into the background. Here, however, her person stands very powerfully in the foreground, and she does not tire, as it were, of pointing to herself time and again. It almost seems as though she wanted to move herself into the foreground by all means. ...

As you know, the apparitions began on May 13, 1917 – the three children were shepherding the flocks. Suddenly there was lightning. The children became frightened and wanted to leave. There, lightning again, and in this flash of lightning there was a person. She asked the children to wait and listen. They should come the following months at the same time. She would want to give them a message for the world, and at the end she would tell them who she was.

Already at this time she asked the children, they were young children, whether they were willing to surrender themselves totally to God. Here she pointed to God. How would they surrender themselves? They should express their total abandonment to God by doing penance and offering reparation – and now she says something very peculiar – not only in order to satisfy the

offended love and majesty of the eternal God, but also in order to make reparation for the injuries afflicted upon her Immaculate Heart. I am not sure whether we detect in these words the emphasis with which the Blessed Mother points to herself. I am not sure whether we realize that when we offend God, when we, as it were, hurt him, we also offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I do not know whether we realize what is clearly implied here and whether we ever seriously considered to ask the Blessed Mother for forgiveness for all the sorrow that we caused her. Well, I almost have to ask whether we who surrendered ourselves to the Blessed Mother, not only when we were little but also today, whether we ever feel compelled to atone for all the suffering which contemporary Christians bring upon the Blessed Mother, even though there may be relatively few who made this consecration.

What follows is a tender explanation of the six apparitions by Father Kentenich, where one can sense his own deep love for the Blessed Virgin and how he offered his whole life to be a knight of her Immaculate Heart. Next he explains the secrets given by Mary to the three children for the world and the great miracle that she performed on October 13, 1917, as the world was hurled into the last desperate year of World War I.

If I wanted to express the uniqueness of her mission in my own words, I would have to say that in the Blessed Mother, God takes a new initiative on behalf of our modern uprooted, sick and ailing time. The Blessed Mother should prove herself again as the Mother of Christ, as the Birth-Giver of Christ.

Father Kentenich explains what a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary implies. He shows a twofold meaning of an unconditional surrender to the heart of Mary as "The heart is, first of all, the symbol of love and then the symbol of the entire personality." Mary's unbroken heart, free from original sin, is a glowing, warm heart that is perfectly ordered. When our hearts can more and more reflect her heart, then order and a healthy true love of God will be restored in my surroundings flowing to my loved ones as well.



From May through November, on the 13th of each month, Pope Francis is offering a plenary indulgence in response to Our Lady of Fatima's Centennial. Note her statue here at St Scholastica Church in Heidelberg where Father David Barrett is assisted by Joseph, Stephen, and Andrew Deutsch.

Convocation of Catholic Leaders



The United States Bishops' Conference sponsored a **"Convocation for Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America"** from July 1-4, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. Over 3,200 were in attendance: including five cardinals, 150 bishops, 100 priests and 100 or so in consecrated life.

This convocation, the first of its kind in a century, has been planned for over five years. The Bishops' Conference wanted to *"convene, challenge, and motivate Catholic leaders to embrace the full vision of what it means to be Catholic and fully engaged in the Church's mission of evangelization and to proclaim the Church's vision of the human person."* -USCCB website

Leaders are both official leaders within the church structure—occupying diocesan or parish offices, educators and directors—and those who exercise leadership in apostolic efforts in education, business and culture, as well as Catholic young adults and emerging leaders.

It had been 100 years since the U.S. Bishops had gathered such an array of Catholic leaders. Inspired by the encyclical of Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, the bishops wished to hear from others how they can form missionary disciples who will be active in the new



Sisters Jessica & Marcia met Dcn Joe & Ceci Cooley at their Annunciation Work Ministry for Families booth

evangelization, and encourage dioceses and organizations to make concrete plans to do so.

We look to our great missionary disciple and on October 22 we will begin "The Father Kntenich Year." Fifty years ago, on September 15, 1968, Schoenstatt's Founder was called into eternity. I am offering a year of group meetings to better understand the importance of his mission to love the Church, to unite our hearts and lives in a covenant of love with Mary, and to transform society. We will also be scheduling pilgrimages to Milwaukee WI to experience and pray where Father Kntenich was instrumental in first living and proclaiming the new person freely bound by love in a community of similar "everyday saints." Together we offer a lifestyle of hope for the nones and lapsed Catholics in our families and neighborhoods.

2018 WI Pilgrimages to Exile Land



Consider making a four day pilgrimage to learn about Father Kntenich and his mission for the Church. We will offer various dates so as many as possible can go as we celebrate Schoenstatt's mission and gifts.

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Schoenstatt Inter/National News

★ The Schoenstatt Fathers are establishing themselves in Washington, DC, and Father Jesus Ferras will be the first of three. We also congratulate the 22 men who received the Zion Alb on July 8th in Paraguay – including three from the USA and two from Europe.

★ On July 1st Pope Francis appointed Fr. Ramón Benito Ángeles Fernández, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. He is a member of our Secular Institute of Diocesan Priests.

★ *Victorious Mother* is the title of a brand new CD offered by the Schoenstatt Fathers in Nigeria with covenant songs reflecting their vibrant life and language.

★ Check into Dr Edith Breburda's book, *Felix the Shrine Cat*, which took 3rd place in the 2017 Catholic Press Association Book Awards for North America.

★ **Don't miss our DRAWING at Founding Sunday!**

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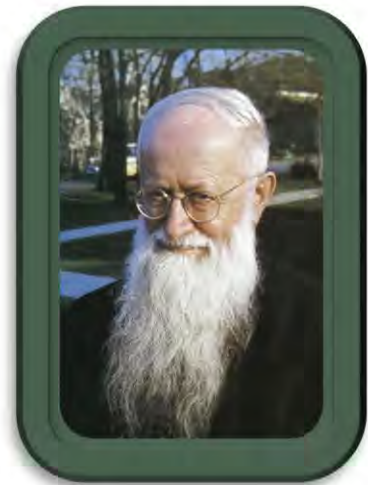
Founding Sunday,
October 22, 2017

Opening of the
Father Kentenich Year

Program from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Holy Mass at 11:00 am with Bishop John LeVoir
Rosary & Covenant Renewal in the Shrine

Child care offered

Free will donation Lunch



Location is across from Del Monte Plant on Highway 14 at the west side of town
27762 County Rd 27
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Please RSVP: 507-794-7727 by October 9th

Next Year Founding Sunday will be earlier:
On SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018, on the
Golden Jubilee of Founder's Call to Eternity

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NOW THE OPPORTUNITY IS HERE FOR YOU –
HELP THE SISTERS AND THE SHRINE BY
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Those who pray the rosary do more for the benefit of the whole human race than all the orators and deputies, more than all the organizers, secretaries and writers, more than all the capitalists even if they would make their entire wealth available to the Church. –Joseph Kentenich, p 243 in *Champions of the Rosary* by Donald H. Calloway, MIC

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Drawing on 10/22/2017— Founding Day
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Drawing Prizes:

- A week on Lake Superior at Chateau LeVeaux
- 25lb of ground beef from Tom and Mary Portner
- Couples' or Women's Weekend in Sleepy Eye
- Schoenstatt Girls Camp Week
- Father/Son or Mother/Daughter Weekend
- \$50.00 Gift Shop Certificate (Sleepy Eye)
- Filipino Meal Ready to Go



DAY CAMP 2017 brought many hearts to the shrine.
There will be a full camp report in the next issue. ☺

Please Mark these COMING EVENTS AT THE SHRINE:

- August 4-6 Father Son Weekend
- September 17 Living Faith Sunday
- October 6-8 Leaders Weekend at the Waukesha WI Shrine and Center
- October 22 Founding Sunday Celebration
- November 3-5 Women's Retreat Weekend
- November 18 10th Anniversary of the Crete Shrine with Enthronement of Holy Spirit Symbol
- November 19 Living Faith Sunday
- December 1-3 Girls Youth Weekend
- January 5-7, 2018 Christmas Holiday for High School and College Girls

Call 507-794-7727 RSVP & INFO

Dear MTA, make us brave, fully Catholic in our 🌐!