



SHRINE SOUNDINGS Jubilee Family Shrine & Retreat Center

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Let the "FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM" Begin!

Our Bishops suggest that **the fourteen days from June 21 to July 4, Independence Day, 2012, be dedicated to this "FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM" – a great hymn of prayer for our country.** Our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power: namely; St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action is emphasizing both our **Christian and American heritage of liberty.**

Let us bring our outrage, fears, and persecution into the hearts of Our Mother Thrice Admirable and her Son. In the Jubilee Family Shrine, let us consecrate ourselves anew to her powerful protection. The Schoenstatt Couples in Roseville, MN, invite you and your family to **CROWN our Mother Thrice Admirable on July 4th as**

QUEEN OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN AMERICA!

It doesn't matter with what you crown or how you do it this 4th of July, be original and creative. The main thing is that you elect Mary to take on this special role of protecting the United States of America and of honoring her as a true mother to ALL Americans!

Schoenstatt's Founder, Father Joseph Kentenich, first crowned the Blessed Mother in October of 1939, because he anticipated World War II and the great tragedy that it would bring. In the concentration camp at Dachau, when starvation was rampant, he repeated this coronation, this time under the title "Bread Mother." He renewed this coronation repeatedly when

the circumstances of life were critical – always with success. Today we must turn to the Blessed Mother and crown her in order to acquire the necessary spiritual strength and courage to morally direct our world. Please invite family, friends, neighbors – all you know to join with us in **this coronation on July 4, 2012.**

Let's meditate on words from Fr. Kentenich: "Don't you think that our helplessness comes daily evermore to our awareness? I have no better response to our helplessness and misery than a continuous repetition of the coronation of our dear Blessed Mother... What do we want to express with this coronation? Our total dependence upon her and our attachment to her. Coronation is simply the expression of our very deep relationship to her, a continuous acknowledgement of her task in regard to our family, the entire world, and the Church; this is more clearly perceived by us the greater the helplessness of our situation" (1941).

Our crowning prayer will be printed four times on page two so you can make more copies when needed.

God Bless America! From our shrine, *Sister M Jessica*



CROWNING PRAYER for July 4, 2012

Dear Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, we come before you in a time when our beloved nation is in distress and under attack. We come to implore you, Mother, to be our Queen in these persecuted days. We offer our nation as your crown and we offer ourselves, our families, all we have and are.

Take our country as your own special possession; reign over it! Protect it! Make of it what God intended it to be. Form America into one truly united nation where all life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is cherished as a sacred gift from God. Let there be peace in every heart, a peace that flows from one to another, to friend and stranger alike.

Let this be a true peace, born of our love for God, for you, our Queen, and for one another and for our beloved United States. Help that we may all live in the freedom of the children of God. We want to serve one another without malice or injustice, loving and obeying the laws of God first through freedom of conscience.

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Featured Schoenstatter: Verna Joel



On June 14, 2012, as our country celebrates Flag Day, Verna Joel gave thanks to God for her **90th birthday**. Just the week before she sealed her **Implantation in the Garden of Mary** as the PATH in the historic garden of striving as she signed her blank check inscribing all of her past and future into the hands of the loving Father God and our MTA and Founder.

Growing up on a New Ulm farm with three brothers, her parents taught her to do most anything. Her mom was often quoted as saying: Be happy and cheerful and always keep the Lord in your heart. Verna has done just that in an outstanding way. Marrying and raising seven children she imparted the four pillars of our Schoenstatt Spirituality: divine providence, covenant piety, instrumentality, and everyday sanctity.

From her journal which she is very faithful in keeping, come many beautiful prayers which she shares with family and friends, and of course her Schoenstatt Mothers' Group which began three decades ago. "Life is precious and I turn to God always for guidance, to be where I need to be and do what I need to do to help." Verna can be heard musing: I like the thrill of not knowing; throwing myself head first into the deep end is my kind of fun. I like flowers and things that make people smile, it erases 10 years in 10 minutes! (also quoted in Lifestyle, *The New Ulm Journal*, 6/17/12)

Her home shrine, **Great Mother and Queen of Harmony, Unity, and Peace**, was dedicated on October 16, 1988. It is the mecca of her apartment – which she keeps spotless and free of television and anything of the like. Our Lord and his Mother energize Verna. Daily Mass is a treasure as well as rosaries and numerous prayers for all entrusted to her heart.

A typical day finds her on the bike trail by 6:00 a.m. for a good 15-20 miles. How many times has she driven her little blue convertible with bike rack to Schoenstatt on the Lake, with a trusted friend or a new found one to bring them to the Powerhouse of Our Lady! Verna loves nature and all of God's creation. With monthly fasting and daily spiritual reading, meditation and star gazing, she brings deep joy to Our MTA and to all who get to know her! –Ed.

Youth's Fortnight for Freedom at Shrine

On Sunday, July 1, 2012, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm ALL youth from 9-29 are invited to **pray for the preservation of Religious Freedom in our country**. Our Jubilee Family Shrine was dedicated in 1976 – the 200th jubilee of the USA – there are many graces for our country flowing from this shrine. Event will be sponsored by the Schoenstatt Girls Youth, during their national leaders' conference taking place at the shrine (since this is the year of striving dedicated to our MN Shrine).

New Shingles at Schoenstatt on the Lake



You have each donated toward the shingles and this huge renovation which was needed. Work crews are finishing up by June 21st. Accept our sincere gratitude and come and visit us!

New Quilt Pairs for our Guest Bedrooms



These Quilters from Saint Peters donated quilts w/ matching pillowcases for our new wing by the lake:
Kathy Schloesser
Mary Rosenau
Gail Norell
Amy Jurewicz
Cindy Mines
Carol Teters
Heide Cole
Monica Clark
Geri Wilmes
Lynn Wunderlich
Joan Miller and
Jeri Mondloch



Travels for the Holy Family Statue

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph have traveled to eight couples groups within the Twin Cities area and Rochester, MN, to date. During this year for the Jubilee Family Shrine striving, we BUILD FAMILY SHRINES OF LIFE & LOVE."
-Arianna with Jenny & Dan Gifford, Lino Lake

Three New Home Shrines for Our MTA



Father Francisco Rojas was able to dedicate the home shrine of the Chris & Janice Pechacek family, Hudson, WI, Nov. 20, 2011, on the feast of Christ the King. Mary is **Mother of Guidance, Hope, and Peace**. They honor Mary every Sunday evening with a family litany.

Three Covenant Dedications with our MTA



On May 31, 2012, **six brothers sealed their covenants of love**: Levi, Jesse, Kenny, Isaac, Geovanni, and David Schmitt at the newly dedicated home shrine of their sister in Elmwood, WI. Father Kevin Louis officiated and Levi is a first year seminarian.



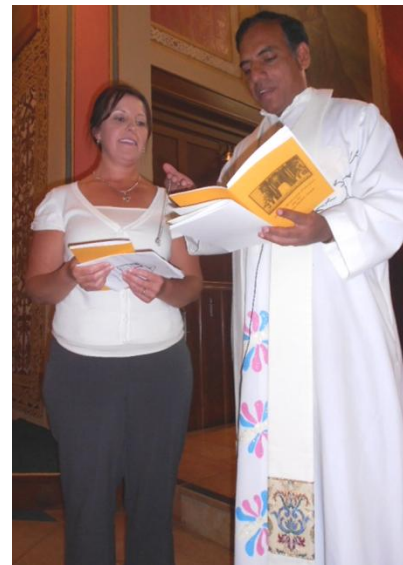
Sue and Jeff Rath and sons dedicated their home in Easton, MN, **Safe Harbor**, on March 25, 2012. Their pastor, Father Tom Niehaus, officiated on this Feast of the Annunciation.



A **Mariengarten Implantation** was on June 7, 2012, for six Mothers from New Ulm, MN. They are implanted as the **PATH**: Alice Henle, Janice Kretsch, Mary Ann Wesselmann, Lorraine Hofmeister, Ruth Hillesheim and Verna Joel with Sr M Jessica and Father Mark Steffl.



Becky Schmitt asked Father Kevin Louis to dedicate her home shrine in Elmwood, WI, on May 31, 2012, in the evening as **In omnibus Caritas**. This saying from St Augustine means, "In all things, love."



Angela Frundt sealed her **covenant of love** on **Father's Day** at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Blue Earth, MN. Father Leo Koppala is pastor. She has joined the mothers who meet every third Thursday.

We want to prove first by our deeds that we really love Our MTA. She wants to become part of our family and our lives. She promises to dwell in our midst and distribute gifts and graces in abundance.

May Retreats/Pilgrimages at the Shrine



Over 50 Moms attended the **8th Annual Mothers Conference: *Whispers in a Mother's Heart*** (Father Tom Niehaus-Prayer/Sister M Jessica-Powerhouse Shrine/Laura Woods-Loved Ones' Memorials). With months of prep before Monday, May 7th, **Lorie Spear** worked in a Paris theme to delight and pamper the women from four states.



Mary's Vocation Harvesters from the Lake Benton and Tyler area drove two hours to attend the **May 15th Retreat**. **Monsignor Lozinski and Sisters Jessica and Marie** gave talks, attended by 35. The day ended with Benediction by **Deacon Mark Kober** in the shrine and door prizes at the coffee break.



Twelve Pilgrims came from Milwaukee, WI, to visit the Jubilee Family Shrine from May 14-17th. Our MTA gave them spiritual gifts along with lots of natural joys and Minnesota accents! Read more about this when our next WI group arrives over Labor Day Weekend.

Activity at our Website Goes Well



Elaine Wolf has been our Webmaster since last fall. Read here her **Analytics Report** from September 13, 2011 thru April 27, 2012: Total visits: 2,547. Total number of page views: 9,764. Average pages per visit: 3.83. Average visit duration: 3:18 minutes. Percentage of new visitors: 64.15%. Average # visitors per day: 11. The highest day was 49 on 4/26/12 and the lowest # of visitors was 0 on 12/10/11. The over 50 locations of the visitors start from: 2,308 from the USA; 45 from Germany; 15 each from United Kingdom, Brazil, Canada, and Chile; 14 each from India and Russia and 10 each from Argentina and South Africa. Thanks for your generous selfless service, Elaine!

Modesty Article Published in ENVOY

Emily Pass wrote a four page article that was published in the 9.3 issue of Envoy Magazine entitled: **A Young Girl's Discovery of the Beauty of Modesty**. The title says it all: contrary to popular belief and modern fashion mores, modesty is beautiful. Please take time to read the attachments where our college student from Mazeppa, MN, describes this gift. This is being reprinted with permission from Envoy Magazine (all rights reserved), www.envoymagazine.com as stated in an email from Patrick Madrid, PO Box 585, Granville OH 43023 on May 13, 2012.

Emily has taken to heart the words of **Pope Benedict XVI** to youth (June 4, 2012, Zenit): "Do not be lazy, but hard working young people, especially in your studies, in view of the future. Let me tell you also that every day the Lord is calling you to great things ... If he calls you to follow him on the path of priesthood or the consecrated life, do not say no to him! Jesus will fill your heart for the rest of your life! ... Have high ideals: everyone can reach the heights, not just a few! Be Saints! ... Sanctity is the normal path for Christians; it is not only for a few chosen ones, but is open to all."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*PLEASE Save the Date of **Sunday, October 21, 2012**, for our annual Founding Day at Sleepy Eye. Our MTA is waiting for you to come to the shrine during our special year. The day is from 10 to 4:00 pm with Holy Mass at 2:00 pm. Sister M Carol Winkler will share about her experiences with Father Kentenich.

DON'T FORGET OUR GARAGE SALE IN AUGUST!

THANK YOU for all your Support throughout the Year, whether it was monetary, or in volunteer projects, or bread, meat, and fruit, or advice received, or prayers given. May Our MTA and her Son reward each of you!

There was a wonderful weekend Family Retreat at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye May 18-20, 2012. Two handfuls of families gathered with the sisters, some squeezing into dorm rooms and others spreading out into double rooms.

The mix from Cumming, Danbury, and Des Moines, Iowa; Alden, Faribault, Lino Lakes, Maple Grove, and Winona, Minnesota, included new, younger families, as well as some with older adult children and grandchildren. Sr. Jessica gave some wonderful talks on Schoenstatt, and Sr. Deanne had the children participate in a variety of activities, such as doing good deeds to add flowers to Mary's crown.

New friends were made and old friendships renewed as the children had games and played with balloon creations, flew kites, and made shields. Many cheerfully chipped in after each delicious meal to help with clean-up. We even had an indoor picnic (due to threatening rain), complete with hot dogs and all the fixings.

Attendees of all ages were renewed in soul as they chatted and visited with others. The older teens and young adults helped with all kinds of things, as well as played with the littler ones. Peter, 20, said, "It felt like family."

Saturday night was dancing to the piano and concertinas of Anthony and Dorothy Krzmarzick w/grandson Adam and the children had a ball. As did the adults, mostly watching. Why is it the kids have considerably more energy than the parents? A Mary procession around the grounds was led by children carrying her on a throne as we prayed the rosary.

Morning and evening prayer, and Mass blended with joy and laughter as we talked about our lives and ideas. Becca, 11, said she liked morning and evening prayer all together – as we squished cozily into the shrine for these community prayer times.

In today's world where we are drawn in so many directions and have so many poor/bad influences on ourselves and our families; it is a great thing to once in a while come together with like-minded faithful Catholic families to renew and refresh our minds, hearts, and souls. Be sure to plan on coming when another one is scheduled! *Kathy Szymanski, Alden, MN*



Ver Sacrum Patris Strikes Again is the theme of the **Schoenstatt Girls Youth Summer Camp at the shrine.** Sister M Catherine from Madison, WI, is helping Sister M Deanne and once again there is a waiting list for the five weeks; however, one can still register for the July 13th Day Camp from 10 am to 3 pm.

Here are some of the comments from girls themselves: I learned about the fire of our hearts; I learned about accepting the challenges God gives us; it was great how much we prayed; and it was great that we went to confession and Mass.

I really like the workshops. I thought they gave everyone choices of what they needed or wanted to learn about. I also, as a counselor, thought having the camp missionaries was very helpful.

I learned that Mary is always by my side! And I learned how to make sacrifices for people.



GARAGE SALE REMINDER FOR AUGUST 9-11th

This is nicely shaping up to be a **HUGE** Fundraiser for our MTA! Can you help us? Please Call Jenny & Dave Baker at 651-460-2778 or email: jenny.baker.mn@gmail.com. Kindly consider 1) what you can bring – a great chance to "Clean House!" and 2) when you can help set up or help at the 3 sale days.

*Donations accepted from June 15 to August 1st
at 1623 210th Street East, Farmington, MN 55024.*

August 9-11, 2012, from 9 am to 6 pm

Garage Sale will run concurrent to the Dakota County Fair which is the largest and best attended County Fair in the Gopher State. Help spread the word. Tell your relatives and friends to go via the Baker's Farm and support our Schoenstatt Mission!