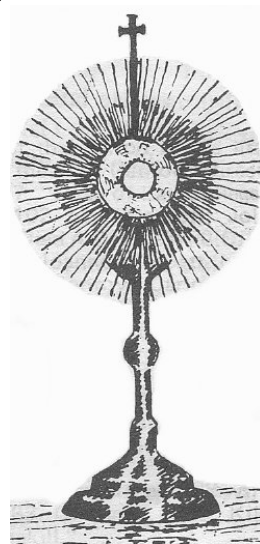


**O.L.F. Year For Catholic Devotions June 2011 - June 2012**

*April is dedicated to devotion to  
The Holy Eucharist*

Communion



Adoration

**Communion v. Adoration:** Spending time with Jesus in adoration should not strike us as unusual. When two people love each other, they want to spend time together. How you spend your time with Jesus is entirely up to you. There is no one preaching to you, reading to you, telling you when to stand, sit, kneel, sing or whatever. You are on your own. You can pray your Rosary, you can read your Bible, or whatever. But remember, you are there to visit Jesus. Talk with Him; But most important, is to let Jesus do some of the talking. Thousands of people will testify that that one hour is the most peaceful hour of the day or week. © 2003, Fr. Robert Goedert,

**Mon. 04/23**    ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer***  
*Feast*            Easter Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Poor Souls in Purgatory, *C. Smith*

**Tues. 04/24**    ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases***  
*Feast*            Easter Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Helen Buck, *daughter Cathy*

**Wed. 04/25**    ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis***  
*Feast*            Easter Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Stanley and Mary Biem, *M/M Ron Biem and Sons*

**Thur. 04/26**    ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders***  
*Feast*            Easter Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Janet Pufka, *Mike and Sherry Byrne*

**Fri. 04/27**     ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders***  
*Feast*            Easter Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass    Naomi Beuchle, *Grandchildren*

**Sat. 04/28**     ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes***  
*Feast*            Third Sunday of Easter  
 4:30 PM Mass    Bill Stitt, *Ann of Wedding and Death, Miriam and Family*

**Sun. 04/29**     ***A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions***  
*Feast*            Third Sunday of Easter  
 9:00 AM Mass    Dennis Trexler, *M/M Stephen Flanagan*  
 11:00 AM Mass    Liv and Dec members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

*Lord  
 Jesus  
 Christ  
 Son  
 Of  
 God  
 Have  
 Mercy  
 On  
 Me  
 A  
 Sinner*

**Happy Birthday:**

4/25 Denise Stitt  
 4/26 Christine Manna

Even though the primary focus of all our parish activity is the growth and development of our *spiritual* life, every now and then we need a gentle reminder that "...money makes the world go round." *Cabaret*

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Divine Mercy Sunday (April 15, 2012)**

185 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,035.33 of which \$ 215.33 accounted for visitor contributions.

<b># Envelopes In Circulation</b>	<b>202</b>	<b># Used</b>	<b>91</b>	<b># Unused</b>	<b>111</b>
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*Additional Easter collection = \$430.00*



# 2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

## Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

### Our Lady of Fatima Goal

# \$15,470.00

The early pledges of these faithful folks have given us this to date Sum **\$8,545.00**

- Anything over the \$15,470 will go to OLF for church improvements.
- To be a practicing Catholic means to be an active member of the diocesan family.
- No parish can exist without the diocese, but the diocese can exist without any particular parish.
- Although it's not the only consideration, an important element that goes into the determination of parish closures is how well each parish pulls its own weight.

M/M John Adams  
 Constance Angeski  
 M/M George D. Barry  
 M/M Ronald Biem  
 Mrs. Marian Boslet  
 M/M Gregory Brannan  
 M/M Vincent Burr  
 M/M Michael A. Byrne  
 M/M Thomas Byrne  
 M/M Wilson Carper  
 M/M Paul G. Cassarly  
 M/M David Conrad  
 Mrs. Freida Conrad  
 M/M Jack Corle  
 M/M John Douglass

Mrs. Eileen Edwards  
 M/M Frank Frucella  
 M/M Charles Hennigan  
 M/M Thomas Hofer  
 Mrs. Cecelia Hollern  
 M/M James Hosgood  
 Mrs. Erma Iannaello  
 M/M Joseph Ianniello  
 Mr. John G. Kasun  
 M/M John G. Kasun, Jr.  
 M/M Stephen Kasun  
 M/M Christopher Keagy  
 M/M C. Ray Kelly  
 Mr. Shawn Kelly  
 M/M Joseph Knott

M/M Michael Long  
 M/M Michael Malligan  
 Mrs. Mildred Maucieri  
 M/M James McKnight  
 Mrs. Catherine Mincin  
 Mrs. Genevieve Musto  
 M/M John G. Noonan  
 Mr. Tim O'Connor  
 Mr. Richard Peo  
 M/M Joseph Pufka  
 Mrs. Sara Quinlan  
 M/M David Riley  
 M/M James R. Riley  
 M/M Paul G. Rose  
 Mrs. Carol Smith

M/M David Smith  
 M/M Jerry Smith  
 M/M Thomas A. Smith  
 Mr. Kenneth P. Smithmyer  
 M/M Bryan Starr  
 Mr. Herbert E. Summers, Jr.  
 Mrs. Jeanne C. Summers  
 M/M Joseph Summers  
 M/M Michael Wall  
 Mrs. Helen M. Watters  
 Ms. Jill Watters  
 Ms. Bernadette Weakland  
 Fr. J. D. Zatalava  
 Anonymous  
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**NOTA BENE:** Due to staffing problems at the Diocesan office we now get monthly (instead of weekly) reports concerning those people who send their pledges directly to the Diocese. Don't panic if your name doesn't appear in the weekly bulletin immediately following your having mailed in a pledge. Also be aware that the Rectory hand delivers (unopened) all those pledges found in the weekend collection baskets. Without knowing any amounts pledged, we use return addresses on the envelopes to generate our "weekly" lists. Our weekly totals are pretty accurate because we have *friends in high places* who are able to get us those gross figures pretty quickly.



## FUNDRAISER

For: Our Lady of Fatima

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012

\*\*\*Hand this voucher to your server and 20% of your total bill will be donated back to your organization\*\*\*

## One of Our Lady of Fatima's May Fundraisers

(these easy events have proven to be a lot of fun!)

**No meetings, No committees. No set up. No clean up. Meet new people. Catch up with seldom seen friends. Discuss parish matters, national politics, Church affairs, moral issues, other fundraising gimmicks, sports stuff, and have a good meal at the same time. You pay the full Jethro's price and Jethro's sends OLF 20% of what you paid.**

**You do need to bring one of the *magic tickets* pictured on the left. Get one off the back tables!**

(continued from page six by Fr. Robert Goedert, O.P.)

It's still good for us Catholics to know what beliefs we hold to in common with other Christians, but now, it has become more urgent that we Catholics know how we are different; to recognize the treasures of faith that we have; treasures rejected or abandoned by other Christians. Today, we will concentrate on the principal Catholic belief that makes us Catholics different – different from the great majority of other Christians. That, of course, is our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

We Catholics are different because we take Jesus Christ at His word. We believe that Jesus gave us His own body and blood in the special sacrament we call the Holy Eucharist. We Catholics actually believe that Jesus is really present in this sacrament! For us Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is not just a symbol. It is not just a memory. It is not just a promise. It is really Jesus Christ. The Holy Eucharist is not some 'thing'. It is some 'one'. It is Jesus, our Lord and our God. This is what we mean by the Catholic doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is why we call the Holy Eucharist "the Blessed Sacrament".

All the sacraments are blessed! All the sacraments give us the grace of Jesus but this sacrament gives us Jesus himself. This is what we Catholics believe.

Why do we believe this? Not because some theologians say so, not even because the Church says so. We believe this for only one reason, because Jesus Christ says so, and we believe Him.

Many who try to follow Jesus do not believe this, as we Catholics do. This fact should not surprise us any. Jesus had the same problem with some of His own disciples. When Jesus first told His own followers that He would give His body and blood as food and drink as spiritual nourishment for the soul, many of His followers – His disciples – would not accept that. They could not believe Him, so they left Him. Jesus did not try to call them back. He didn't say, "Now, wait a minute! You misunderstood me! I was only talking symbolically". No! He let them go. If they could not believe Him, they could not be His disciples. It was that simple.

Then Jesus asked His apostles if they wanted to leave Him too. He was ready to let His apostles go also. We know that Peter, speaking for the group said, "Lord, to whom should we go? We know that you only, have the words of eternal life". The apostles took Jesus at His word, and we do too.

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

Traditionally, each month of the year is dedicated to a different "object" of devotion by the faithful according to the schedule given here.

Month	Dedication / Devotion
April*	The Holy Eucharist
May	The Blessed Virgin Mary

**\* Mark:14:37 When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? 14:38 Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."**



### **Why Eucharistic Adoration?**

by Fr. Robert Goedert, O.P.

I'm going to start with the second, or Vatican Council II. One of the many problems tackled by the Vatican Council was how to work for Christian unity, or how to heal the divisions in the church that Jesus established. This included the division between the east and west, the Catholic and the Orthodox that goes back over a thousand years and the more recent division between Catholic, Protestant and other religions that call themselves Christian. In the Council's decree on ecumenism, the council tried to get Catholics to see how much we have in common with other Christian churches, to emphasize the beliefs we agree on rather than to concentrate exclusively on our differences in belief and practice.

This was a good idea, but I think an unforeseen problem developed. With the effort to see what we believe together, there arose a tendency to water down Catholic beliefs, to dilute Catholic dogmas, to overlook differences, to pretend that they were not there in order to look friendly, more acceptable to non-Catholic Christians. The result, as many of us know was lukewarm Catholics. Catholics were saying things like: "it doesn't make any difference what you believe as long as you're sincere" or "as long as it makes you feel good". Some Catholics, seduced by self-declared theologians began to hold that there are no absolute truths. There's no right or wrong, black or white. Everything is gray. It can be anything you want it to be. Incidentally, when I refer to Catholics, I am not restricting it to just laity. With such an approach, that of 'no-restrictions, no-obligation invitation', we should have expected to see a great flow of other Christians into the Catholic Church.

We did not see any such flow, but we did see a tremendous flow of Catholics out of the ranks of truly believing and practicing Catholics. We saw the tragic drop in Sunday Mass attendance, from over 75% to less than 25%. Something went drastically wrong. The apostles took Jesus at His word, and we do too. (go to page 5)