



MOMMentum

**A newsletter for the St. Raymond's MomsPlus network of Super Moms
Winter 2008**

Parish Library (under construction)

By Sr. Dee Peppard

Our new parish library is progressing nicely. We currently have about 750 books that we've entered into the computer. We have about 15 wonderful volunteers who covered all the newly purchased books with plastic, and some of the donated books. It's really fun to work together on this project. The refrain heard so often is: "Oh, I want to read this book!" The official name will be "The Skach Memorial Library." You may remember Fr. Charlie Skach- he was a resident priest here for 14 years during his retirement -- and he used to offer those wonderfully exciting classes. After he died, we received about 30 boxes of his books. The library will be located in that walk-through room right above the Living Room (where many of the Moms Plus groups meet). The book cases have already been ordered- and our next big task is to put three labels on each book.

I think you'll find many of the books helpful to you. Some of the categories of books include: Parenting, Spirituality, Catholicism/Christianity, Scripture,

Suffering/Healing, Mary/Saints, Biography, etc. A few of the books in the spirituality category have reflection questions at the end of each chapter. I'm going to keep track of these because you might find them helpful for some of your meetings together.

We're hoping to have a "Grand Opening" in January or February. After that, I would love to get 15 or 20 minutes on your agenda (for those groups who meet at the PMC) and have a "Field Trip" to the new library. I'm really excited about the library- and I want to share my excitement with you! It's been a ton of work but if parishioners use the library well, it will be more than worth all the work!

If you have any material you think would be appropriate and would like to donate it, please contact me. Any unused material will be donated to the public library.



Spirituality Resources

Living Faith- This is a small booklet with daily Catholic devotions. Each page contains a verse from Scripture followed by a short reflection to guide your further thoughts and prayers. There is also a Living Faith for Kids booklet which is a wonderful resource to feed children's daily reflections. In our house, we read these with breakfast in the morning to guide our thoughts for the day. There are also little games, word searches, puzzles, etc that kids enjoy.

Find out more at livingfaith.com



Moms *Plus* ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!

Leadership Changes!!!

In January, Stephanie Kenny of Group 13 will be the new Co-Facilitator working with Kelly Barbel. Thank you to Laura Carioti for your excellent leadership in the Co-Facilitator position. Your sense of commitment and creative energy will be missed.

Also starting in January, Jeanne Rooney of Group 19 will be the Babysitting Coordinator. Thank you to Krista Karabin for your excellent organization and diligence in the Babysitting Coordinator position.

Service Project assignments for 2009 have been completed. With the exception of the Moms Plus Mass, the historical blue binders will not be used to communicate historical Service Project details. Service Project details are in the process of being uploaded to the St. Raymond website. Our Service Project Coordinator, Lauri Grzelak, will update Moms Plus Leaders when project information is available online.

Moms *Plus* ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!! Scrapbooking Savior!!!

Are those photos piling up on your hard drive? Is that stack of photos still sitting on your dresser waiting to be put in a scrapbook? If so, let Brandi Sulak (Group #7) transform your photos into beautiful and memorable scrapbooks. Brandi can be contacted at Pretty and Personal at (847) 708- 3943.



Arbonne Products

If you are in need of replacing your Arbonne products or would like to try new products, please contact Lauri Grzelak at (847) 577-8277. Lauri is a full service Arbonne representative and can assist you with whatever you may need. Ask about monthly specials!



Moms *Plus* ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!

Service Project for 2009

The following are the assignments for the 2009 Service Projects:

- Marillac House- May 16/17 (Gr.3)
- Moms Plus Mass- Feb15 (Gr.12)
- Moms Plus Mass Reception- Feb 15 (Gr.6)
- Senior Reflection- April (Gr. 19)
- Easter Egg Baskets- Apr 11 (Gr. 7)
- Easter Egg Hunt Easter Eggs, Raffle, Bunny Suit- April 11 (Gr.8)
- Easter Egg Balloons, Suckers- Apr 11 (Gr. 10)
- Easter Vigil Reception- Apr 11 (Grs. 9, 16, 18, 20)
- Spring Gala- April 25 (Gr. 13)

If you have any questions, please contact Lauri Grzelak at 847-577-8277





Moms *Plus* AROUND TOWN

Wonder Works, Children's Museum in Oak Park, IL, is a hands-on learning environment for children. Check out their website for upcoming events and concerts. www.wonder-works.org

CoCo Key Water Resort, 3400W. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 847-394-2000. Spend a day letting the kids go wild at this indoor water park. Who needs the Dells when we have this right in our neighborhood?! www.cocokeywaterresort.com

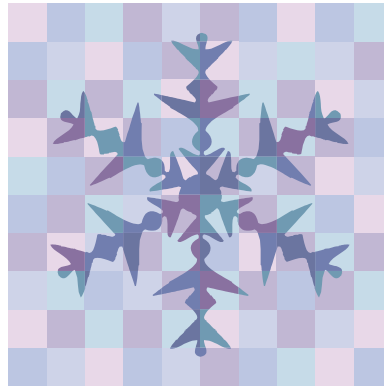
Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences, 847-291-2367. Currently, performances are running for a re-make of Tom Hanks' funny film "Big". The theatre also provides drama classes. www.northbrooktheatre.org

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL, 847-905-1500, Spend the morning with the MIC with engaging one-hour performances for children ages 5-11. Admission for some concerts is free. Find out more at: www.musicinstituteofchicago.org



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Need some ideas of what to do with the kids over the holiday break? This section should give you some great ideas!



Chicago Trolley Tour of downtown Chicago. Visit all the sights and sounds of downtown Chicago without the hassle of driving. With hop-on and hop-off service in a heated trolley car, you can visit all parts of the city. Day or Multi-day passes available. www.chicagotraveler.com

Emerald City Theatre, 2540 N. Lincoln, Chicago, 773-529-2690 Our mission is to create innovative theater experiences that bring families closer together and inspire children everywhere. Won't you join us? The current performance of Hansel and Gretel runs until January 4, 2009. To get more info go to: www.emeraldcitytheatre.com

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Shedd Aquarium, Tots for Tuesdays. Every Tuesday, Shedd offers a full day of activities created especially for the preschool set. "Tots on Tuesdays" includes story times, crafts, animal touch programs, videos, costumed characters, dancing and singing. www.sheddaquarium.org

Villa Olivia Ski Area, Route 20 and Naperville Rd., Bartlett. Ok, so perhaps its vertical drop of 180 feet isn't as impressive as the Rockies but this is a perfect place for children and adults to learn to ski or snowboard. Call ahead to confirm snow conditions and to get more information. 630-289-1000



Millenium Park Ice Skating, downtown Chicago at Millenium Park. Gets your blades sharpened and your gloves ready for some great skating downtown. Warm up with a hot cocoa inside the restaurant before heading home.



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<p><u>Painters:</u> Euro-Tech Painting Contractors Eric M. Keyser, President 847-891-9108 phone 847-891-9110 fax</p> <p><u>Roofers:</u> Veteren Roofing Service David Bendix 847-366-3961 877-VET-ROOF (toll free)</p> <p>Courtesy Roofing 847-437-1277</p> <p><u>Electricians:</u> Bill Shillington 847-274-8433 (cell) 847-392-8739 (home) (Recommended by Janine Durbin)</p> <p><u>Pest Control:</u> Aerex Pest Control Steve Leader 847-255-8888</p> <p><u>Plumbing</u> Burger Plumbing 847-253-2795</p> <p><u>Home Repair/Contractor</u> Bruce Pettingill 847-707-5738 Parishoner of St. Raymonds (Recommended by Donna Slusher)</p>	<p><u>Construction:</u> Northern Illinois Waterproofing and Construction, Mark Olson 847-981-1577 800-981-1577 (toll free)</p> <p>Cox and Sons Construction (Specializing in Gutters) John Cox 847-253-1622</p> <p>Hornak Home Improvement Products, Steve Hornak 847-392-9876</p> <p>Ashland Millwork Ask for Scott in Sales Dept. 847-465-8101, ext. 14</p> <p>Mike Cimbalò (General Contractor And Carpenter) 847-827-510</p> <p>Ben Soderberg- Handyman (carpentry/plumbing/elect/painting) 815-479-9808</p> <p><u>HVAC</u> All Ways Heating and Air 847-891-4840</p> <p><u>Flooring</u> Raymond Hardwood Flooring 773-866-2200</p>	<p><u>Hairdressers:</u> Elaine at Mario Tricocci in Woodfield Mall 847-413-1333</p> <p>Laura at Halo Hair Studios, next to Oberweis on NWY 847-392-1288 (Recommended by several ladies)</p> <p><u>Landscape Design/Gardener:</u> Debbie Malinowski 847-726-2726</p> <p>Taplin Tree Service 847-215-7197</p> <p><u>Photographer:</u> Gretchen Goode 773-771-3364 www.goodecreative.com</p> <p><u>Interior Design/Decorating:</u> Michael Kautz Carpets and Design 847-394-8200</p> <p><u>Mortgage Consultant:</u> Resource Plus Mortgage Corp. Paul Kessler 847-359-5300, ext. 274</p> <p><u>Medical/Dental:</u> Stephen Becker, M.D. Specializing in Ear/Nose/Throat Offices in Northbrook: 847-498-0007 Offices in Chicago: 312-944-3627</p>
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