



Fun Night Planned

St. Thomas More's Fun Night will be on the school grounds, Tuesday, June 1 from 5-9 p.m. (Rain date: June 2.) There will be refreshments, rides, games, and booths for all ages. The committee includes, first row, from left, Nancy Palvino, Pat Behn, Ted Voll, Bonnie Voll, Marti Guche. Second row: Les Behn, Peter Meyer, Ann Reddington, Don Guche, and Jim Mooney. Other committee members are Larry Palvino, Dick Reddington, Cathy Mooney, John and Gloria Woloson, and Bob and Ruth Lawrence.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sarah Child

If there is any occupation more therapeutic than gardening, I am hard put to think of it.

On a recent mild Saturday with one eye open for the rain clouds the weatherman had promised and the other alerted towards the possibility of getting hit on the head by a missile from the ever-present ball game going on in the back yard, I began the task of spading, one I'd looked forward to since last October when all green things began turning straw-colored and dry.

This was not the chore of digging up the main garden, mind you, a marathon job we usually leave until Memorial Day when there is then a frenzied few hours work to make sure the tomato plants are in by nightfall in a ritual we have been performing since our first joint vegetable-planting venture 11 years ago.

No, this spading is confined to the sides and the back of the house and the linear stretch along the boulder marked southeast boundary that I carved out to make it easier to maintain. Actually it would have been simpler to leave the grass there and manicure it with a pair of grass clippers.

But no, I had to dig it out — a process that took my mornings for about two weeks — scalping the sod and forever doomed to removing weeds that grow instead of the profusion of nasturtiums that we envisioned blooming riotously around the rocks.

INTERFAITH EVENT

Port Byron — St. John's Church recently hosted an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast with people from many area churches participating. The subject of the breakfast was prayer and fellowship among area residents. Father Bernard Kuchman pastor, read the prayer requests and led the participants in the Lord's Prayer.

The Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is a monthly program sponsored by the Port Byron Council of Church Churches and held at member churches on a rotating basis.

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Father Louis Hohman:

My daughter (who spent two years in a convent as a postulant) is being "baptised" into the Mormon Church. They have convinced her that theirs is the one and only TRUE Church of Jesus Christ, as they follow His teachings exactly. They claim that baptism is NOT necessary for any infant or child, since Baptism is for the remission of sins which babies and small children cannot do. They also say the Mass is invalid, inasmuch as Christ died once and therefore cannot die again, even in ceremony. They also discredit the "real presence" of Christ in the Sacrament. I argued with them about this but they merely asked me to point it out in the Bible where it claims baptism is used on infants, or where Christ is really present in the Host. I am unable to find anything in the Bible to back up the teachings of my Catholic Faith, so can YOU help me prove my belief? They also do not believe in going to Saints, or even to the Blessed Mother. This disturbs me very much as I have had miracles happen to my children through the intercession of Our Lady and a Saint — medically proven ones, so

where can they get this information or belief?

Dear Friend,

As you already know through your experience with your daughter, Mormons are very active in proselytising and trying to gain new members. When you say they have your daughter convinced that theirs is the one and only true church of Jesus Christ you can see a real example of their persuasiveness. I think however, that the winning over of your daughter was probably due much more to personal reasons and to the sincerity and zeal of these people than it was their scriptural or theological arguments.

From every contact I have had with Mormonism it seems to me to be much too simplistic in regard to biblical interpretation and in regard to its theological position. For example, I have never seen any real evidence given for the validity of the revelations to Joseph Smith. They were gratuitously asserted by him and for all I can see, they are gratuitously accepted by the members of that church. When they discredit the Mass and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist they are making equally gratuitous assertions. When Jesus says in the sixth chapter of St. John's gospel "MY flesh is really food and my blood is really drink" I don't know how they bypass that.

In relationship to your daughter's theological problems, I would not rely on the miracle you experienced as a proof of your position. For you that may be a matter of absolutely firm faith but for anyone else it would represent no more than faith in you as an individual person.

The best thing you can do for your daughter is to ask her to

examine very carefully what she is accepting. Tell her that the highest value of all is sincerity in her faith and that she really ought to examine very seriously what that faith will be. Nor should she allow personal relationships to be the fundamental determinant of the content of that faith.

I hope you won't worry too much about your daughter. She sounds like a very sincere and beautiful person.

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- Don't fly a kite in a storm or when lightning threatens.
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