



A Special Way to Learn

Preschooler Pamela Schaffer, above, is rapt in the process of learning, learning about the Holy Land. She is coloring a map of Jerusalem as it appeared in the time of Jesus, making out the Temple walls.

Pamela is a student of Sister Sheila Sentiif at a school based on the educational philosophy of Italian educator Dr. Sophia Cavaletti. Dr. Cavaletti is known here as a developer of the methods of Maria Montessori, especially in regards to religious education.

The school, which operates on the first floor of a house adjacent to St. Augustine's Church on Chili Avenue, opened last September. It has been named for the Good Shepherd, the central parable in Christ's teachings, according to Sister Sheila.

Above right, Pamela joins Robin Wade in reconstructing, in blocks, the walls of the ancient city of Jerusalem.

A major furnishing of the school is an altar upon which rests a vigil light and a text of Scripture. From the left, Brendan Heenahan, Bart Cacchia and Philip Witkowitz ponder over the text.



Photos by Susan McKinney

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

There must be something therapeutic about scrubbing floors on hands and knees. So many people I know do it.

Since the only thing it does for me is produce a headache (and a headache when the kids and dog immediately cancel all advances.) I am always on the lookout for other ways to work off steam.

I heard about a woman in California who would get in her car, and with all the windows shut tightly scream loudly as she drove down the freeway.

I tried that but I scared myself.

Next I tried crying but that scared the kids (and bored my husband.)

Some people jog to work out their problems. I do, too.

but my legs and breath tend to give up before my temper does.

For many years I used chocolate cake and potato salad to drown my sorrows. That solved nothing and added a new dimension to the problems.

(There are other people who don't eat their own cooking but force feed others as therapy but I abandoned that as the meanest of crimes.)

Prayer seemed like the logical answer but I long ago discovered that the lines of communication get clogged when I rant and rave.

Soooo I guess its back to the kids' rock tapes. I found a couple of years back that moving exaggeratedly to the wildest music loosens the limbs, clears the head (stuns your offspring and cows the dog). But it beats a diatribe all to pieces.

HOLY HOUR

The annual Holy Hour sponsored by the Nocturnal Adoration Society will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4530 St. Paul. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor, will give the homily. Don Foley, a member of the host parish, has charge of arrangements.

The public is invited.

NFP Slates March Groups

Natural Family Planning of Rochester has slated three group sessions in March for engaged and married couples who have decided to use the method. Each group session is limited to six couples, registration is necessary and a \$15 charge includes the cost of NFP books and supplies.

All sessions run from 8 to 10:30 p.m. and the instructors have been trained and certified to teach the method.

Dick and Mary Beth O'Hara will teach at St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville on Friday, March 10. Reservations may be made by calling 464-8705.

Lon and Carol Snook will give the course at St. Mary's in Waterloo on Monday, March 20. Reservations may be made by calling 539-3269.

Nick and Beryl Iven will teach at St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen on

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The McQuaid Parents invite everyone to join them at the school Sunday for an afternoon of Lenten reflections with the Jesuit Fathers, beginning at 1:30. Mass will be celebrated at 5:

Friday, March 31. Reservations may be made by calling 594-2380.

Further information on NFP is available by calling the Rochester center at 464-8705.

NFP INFO

Two information sessions for persons interested in Natural Family Planning have been slated by Natural Family Planning of Rochester. On Monday, March 13, Al and Marty Cardona will present a session at the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport from 8 to 9:30 p.m. On Sunday, March 19, Nick and Beryl Iven will meet with interested persons at St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

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PRAYER WEEKEND
Father Thomas Bales, CSB, will conduct a week, prayer weekend for women March 10-12 at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave. He will be assisted by the Cenacle staff. On Saturday, he and Father Howard Keon, CSB, will hear confessions. For details and reservations: Sister Shirley Kitagawa, 271-8755.

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SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

By Ed Sulewski

What Not To Say At A Funeral. Some feel that they must offer deep philosophical and theological thoughts to the mourners. More often than not, profound words are meaningless because they are not easily comprehended at the moment of the critical loss of a beloved member of the family. Be cautious about using phrases that may be misunderstood. Implying that the death was "God's will" or telling a son or daughter when a parent has died, "Well, you were lucky to have him as long as you did," does not always bring a healing balm at a time when the terrible separation appears irreparable. On the other hand, do not talk about every subject except the reason for your coming together—the death of the person loved. The mourner wants and needs to talk about his loss and all that it means to him.

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