



Dance Marathon

Co-chairpersons Joe Titus and Julie Hiptenach, left, do a quick step for Stephen Judge, 3, and Colleen Gullen, 12, in preparation for the second annual Spina Bifida Association dance marathon April 6 and 7 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall on Gebhardt Road in Penfield. The marathon, sponsored by the St. Joseph's Youth Group, will run from 11 p.m. to 11 p.m. and features live music by two area bands. Anyone needing more information is invited to call Mike Ryan at 586-4836.

Outreach Office Planned By Catholic Charities

Three agencies of Catholic Charities plan to establish an outreach office in western Monroe County under a \$39,000 United Community Chest grant.

The office in its first year will be able to serve 25,000 persons, he said.

An advisory committee of volunteers, agency representatives, clients and community residents will oversee the center's operation, he said.

The office will be staffed fulltime by a program manager and secretary-receptionist, and part-time by professionals from the parent organizations, Maloney said.

The center will be open weekdays from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

James M. Maloney, executive director of the Catholic Family Center, said the satellite office will house the programs and services of the Family Center, the Catholic Youth Organization and the DePaul Clinic.

Representatives of the three agencies are searching for potential sites for the office in the Chili, Spencerport and Brockport areas, Maloney said.

The center is scheduled to open in Mid-April and will offer individual and family counseling services, family life education, parenting skills training, youth leadership and development programs, and youth employment services, Maloney said.

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Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

Jesus Did The Father's Will

Sunday's Reading s: (R3) Mk. 14:1-15:47. (R1) Is. 50:4-7. (R2) Phil. 2:5-11.

Lafcadio Hearn tells the story of a hero of the Chinese rice fields during an earthquake.



From his hilltop farm he saw the ocean swiftly withdrawn, like some prodigious animal crouching for the leap. He knew the leap would be a tidal wave. He saw also his neighbors working in the low fields below his farm, and he also knew that unless they reached the high ground of his farm, they would be swept away by the tidal wave and be drowned. Without a second thought, he set fire to his rice-ricks and furiously rang the temple bells.

His neighbors thought his farm was on fire and so rushed to help him. When they reached the hilltop, they saw the swirl of waters over the fields they had just left — and they knew their salvation and its cost.

Had the hilltop farmer not sacrificed his ricefield, his neighbors would never have had a chance to be saved.

Had his neighbors not had the charity to want to help a friend in need, they too would not have been saved.

The farmer sacrificed his ricefield. Jesus sacrificed His life. The farmer gave only of his possessions; Jesus gave of Himself.

Yet, like the farmer's neighbors, to avail ourselves of the opportunity to be saved, we must have charity in our hearts, especially toward our neighbor.

When our gifts of bread

and wine are presented at the altar, the Church reminds us that our salvation is the work not just of God nor of man, but of both God and man. Bread, which is the symbol of the labors of man, is something "which earth has given (God's part) and human hands have made (man's part)." And wine, crushed from grapes and symbol of man's sorrows, is "the fruit of the vine (God's work) and the work of human hands (man's work)." Thus Augustine used to say that God who created us without our consent won't save us without our consent.

Our part, our willingness to be saved, ought to have some of the determination Jesus showed in winning our salvation. "Your attitude must be that of Christ" (R2).

Morning after morning, as Jesus prayed to His Father, it became clearer and clearer to Him that He must suffer: be beaten, be buffeted, slapped, spat upon (R1). "Many dogs surround me" (Response). But day after day His determination to do His Father's will became firmer and hardened, so that "I have set my face like flint." Why? Because He knew the Father would help Him and He would not be put to shame. "The Lord God is my help . . . I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Nor shall we, if we set our face like flint to do God's will. Christ entered in triumph, like a King, into His own city to complete the work of our salvation by His passion, death and resurrection.

Let us this Holy Week remember with devotion this saving work and follow Him with a lively and firm faith and an ardent love!

Correction

Mrs. Thomas McGough was incorrectly identified in a photograph last week. She is the sister-in-law of Father Timothy McGough, the recent recipient of the "Oppy" Award.

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