

Schuyler county churches to conduct census May 5

Volunteers at the two Catholic churches in Schuyler County, St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, and St. Benedict's, Odessa, will conduct a census from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

Father David Bonin, pastor, recently announced the upcoming visitation of homes within the parishes' boundaries in a letter addressed to more than 50 interfaith clergy in the county.

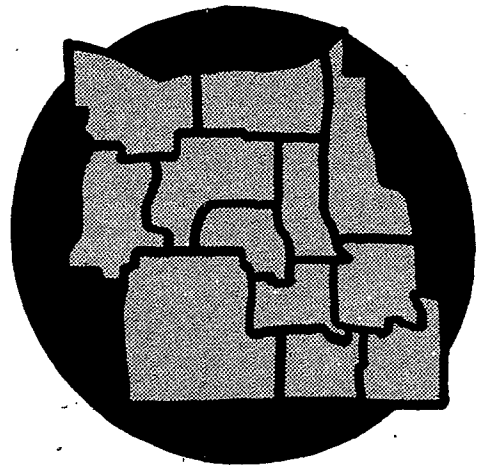
The purpose of the census is to update parish records "so we may better serve the needs of our parishioners," Father Bonin explained in his letter.

According to parish officials, a census hasn't been taken at St. Mary's of the Lake Church in 20 years. Because of changes that have taken place since that time, "the census is way overdue," the priest said.

Father Bonin noted that it is likely "members of other congregations will be approached in this door-to-door census.

"We hope they will not feel (the census) an intrusion," he said. "We are reaching out in friendship to the community. We need their prayers and best wishes to make this endeavor successful."

After a major portion of the census is completed on May 5, visitations will continue throughout the week in order to complete the survey.



Parish in Waverly schedules workshop on encyclical

WAVERLY — In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum* and the centennial marking the founding of its parish, St. James Church, 503 Clark St., has scheduled a series of encyclical workshops starting in May.

The first workshop, entitled "The Best Kept Secret in the Catholic Church," will take place in the church hall from 7:30-9 p.m. William Irwin, M. Div., MSW, CSW, will present the program, which is open to the public.

Pope Leo XIII issued *Rerum Novarum*, the encyclical on human dignity and the condition of labor, in 1891. It marked a new approach to social thinking at a time when the church needed to make an impact

Cluster in Elmira needs help for outreach programs

ELMIRA — The Eastside Catholic Church cluster — made up of St. Cecilia, St. John the Baptist and Ss. Peter and Paul churches — needs someone to fix broken furniture donated to the parishes.

Once repaired, the furniture will be given to the needy through the parishes' Furniture Ministry to the Poor. Currently, the churches possess two kitchen tables and one chair in need of repair. Volunteers can take the furniture home to do the repair work.

Call 607/732-1994 for information.

In addition, volunteers want to establish a play area for children of families who eat at the parishes' soup kitchen. Toys are needed for children aged 1-10 years, and should be safe for group use. Toys may be brought to parish offices on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event highlights mid-life

ELMIRA — Individuals 35-65 years of age are invited to attend a "Mid-life Directions Workshop," beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, and concluding at noon Sunday, April 28.

Led by Sister Mary Louise Heffernan, a certified mid-life directions consultant and a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Ministry, the workshop will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital, 555 E. Market St.

Participants will be led through a process of discovery of the "self within" using insights from Judeo-Christian spirituality, Jungian and developmental psychological thought, and the experience of the facilitator and the participants.

Meals may be purchased at the hospital cafeteria; participants must arrange for their own lodging. The workshop costs \$20 per person. For registration or information, call Sister Heffernan at 716/586-1000, extension 67.

Recognizing ...

★Judith S. Azoff, who was recently appointed associate executive director of clinical services at the Catholic Family Center.

★the Frank Dougherty Family, of St. Theodore's Parish, Rochester, which recently was honored as Sadlier's Faith Alive Family for the Rochester diocese by Dr. Elinor Ford, chief executive officer and president of William H. Sadlier, Inc. All diocesan families with children in Catholic schools and schools of religion were invited to write essays showing how faith shapes and influences their family lives. Kathy and Frank Dougherty, along with their children Katie, Matt, Nathan and Mollie, discussed the Lord's importance in their lives.

★Martin M. Harrigan of Elmira, who was named "Centurion of the Year" for 1990-91 by the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation on April 11. The honor is given in recognition of leadership and dedication to the hospital.

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