

welcomed her. Ann and the elderly nun talked about the old school and Sister spoke of her years of teaching college and how much she loved her students.

Suddenly, the nun stopped. Tears were streaming down her face. She took Ann into her arms and asked for her forgiveness. She said that Ann's class had been her first. She had 45 students and her instructions from Mother Superior had been to maintain complete control over every student, every day, no matter what. She had no idea how to help Ann with her math block, other than to scare her. Sister said she was more afraid of Ann and the other students than they could ever have been of her.

The two women laughed and cried as both hearts began to mend.

[From "You May Not Put Down Your Chalk!" by Ann Michener Winter, **Spirituality & Health**, September-October 2009.]

"Unclean spirits" of anger, fear and hurt can "possess" all of us. In their humble moment of reconciliation, Ann and her old math teacher are able to cast out the "demons" of failure, hurt and inadequacy that have entombed them in bitterness and disappointment. By his grace, God enables us to cast out the "demons" that isolate us, that mire us in fear and selfishness, that blind us to the love of God in our midst.

WEEKEND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT

Saturday, Feb. 4 5:00 PM at St. T.
 Communion Dist: Marty Speer
 Lector: Alan Capasso
 Usher: Vern Monnin
 Paul Webb
 Server: Joe Wilson
 Mike Wilson

Sunday, Feb. 5 7:30 AM at St. T.
 Communion Dist: Esther Clark
 Lector: Frank Perciavalle
 Usher: Jim Lendino
 Larry Tebbe
 Server: Paige Boehringer
 Chad Yohey

Sunday, Feb. 5 9:00 AM at I. C.
 Communion Dist: Lynne Hart
 Lector: Carrie Winhoven
 Usher: Joe Winhoven
 Server: Grace Winhoven
 Isaiah Winhoven

Sunday, Feb. 5 10:30 AM at St. T.
 Communion Dist: Mike Wendel
 Toni Wendel
 Peggy Sweeney
 Rawley Rearick
 Lector: Peggy Sweeney
 Usher: Art Meyer
 Justin Meyer
 Server: Logan Cordonnier
 Kristen Meyer

**JANUARY 29, 2012
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**

BAPTISMS: Contact pastor at 473-2970

WEDDINGS: Contact pastor at least six months in advance of wedding date.

RECONCILIATION:
 AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
 on 2nd, 4th, & 5th Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm

AT SAINT TERESA PARISH
 on 1st & 3rd Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
 Contact: Elaine Christian 473-2413
 Fr. Simons 473-2970

YOUTH MINISTRY:
 Contact: Alan Capasso 417-2839

R.C.I.A.: Normally done during the school year
Contact pastor for more information.

PASTOR: REV. JIM SIMONS
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 448-6220
 ST. TERESA 473-2970

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON 1/30 8:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
Mac & Theresa McMullen

TUES 1/31 8:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
Communion Service

WED 2/1 8:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Jr. Elsass

THU 2/2 8:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Jr. Elsass

SAT 2/4 5:00 PM
St. Teresa Parish
For the Parishes

SUN 2/5 7:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Nellie Simons

9:00 AM
Immaculate Conception
Dick Bergman

10:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Doug Baker

SUNDAY COLLECTION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
January 22, 2012 \$ 853.00

ST. TERESA PARISH
January 22, 2012 \$ 1,749.00

PARISH PRAYER CHAINS:

Immaculate Conception Church - contact Shirley Richard at 448-2936 to activate the prayer chain.

St. Teresa Parish - contact Boots Speer at 473-2872 to activate the prayer chain.

I.C. PARISH COUNCIL

The I.C. Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm.

ST. TERESA PARISH COUNCIL

The St. Teresa Parish Council will meet on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 pm.

ST. TERESA COMMUNITY LIFE

The St. Teresa Parish Community Life Committee will meet on Monday, February 14th at 7:00 pm.

BC YOUTH COALITION NEWS

Jan. 29 - High School only.
Feb. 4 - First Saturday Devotion - Confession and Mass at St. Teresa, then to Bradford Youth House for Rosary, Dinner and a Movie. All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited.

Beginning Feb. 5, all BC Youth Meetings meetings will be at Immaculate Conception Hall in Bradford.

Feb. 5 - High School only.
Battling the cold, the rain, misplaced rally tickets and one directionally challenged bus driver, the youth of our parishes faced it all with maturity and without complaint. They did good work both spiritual and corporal. You should all be proud of them! Photos from the March for Life Rally are on our Big Church Facebook page.

ST. TERESA FESTIVAL

There will be a Festival meeting held on Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 pm at St. Teresa, with the Sports Complex meeting to follow at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and bring your thoughts and suggestions for the festival. We are in need of someone to chair the gambling events for this year's festival. We are looking for individual chairs to be in charge of one or two gambling events each or one person to be in charge of all the gambling events. Please consider this very important part of the festival and call Larry Tebbe at 418-9011 if interested or come to the meeting. We hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 would like to welcome anyone who would like to be a charter member of the council to turn in their applications to Father Jim by February 15th. Our next meeting will be held on February 27th at 7:00 pm at St. Teresa.

SINGLE PARENTS NIGHT OUT

All single moms and dads, whether divorced, separated, widowed or never married, are invited to a Single Parents Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 6:15 pm at St. Patrick Church Undercroft, 409 E. Main Street, Troy. Enjoy dinner with adult company and conversation, hear from a panel of single parents giving words of encouragement and learn about the new program *Single & Parenting*. Child care will be provided. Please return reservation by Feb. 15th or call the parish office at 335-2833.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus taught as one having authority and not as the scribes...Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit: "Quiet! Come out of him!"

Mark 1:21-28

CONNECTIONS:

'You may not put down your chalk!'

Ann never forgot the moment in her fifth-grade math class:

"You may not put down your chalk. You may not return to your desk until you have correctly solved the math problem!" belated Sister.

For young Ann, math was a nightmare --- and this particular Sister was merciful in her attempts to make her learn. Those feelings of inadequacy followed her through college and into adulthood. Ann eventually found happiness as a wife and mother and learned to deal with her lack of self-confidence.

Some years later, Ann was visiting a Sister from her old school she had stayed in contact with. Ann was stunned to learn that her fifth-grade math teacher was also a resident at that convent. Her friend explained that Ann's nemesis had been sent back to school, earned two doctorates, spoke five languages fluently, and taught at colleges in the United States, Mexico and Peru. She was a brilliant woman who simply could not teach children.

Ann marshaled her courage and went to the room of her fifth-grade teacher. After a long moment and silent prayer, Ann knocked on the door. Sister's steely gaze nearly stopped Ann's heart --- but she recognized Ann and, with a big smile,