



## Charter No Help To Charter Schools

BY: DR. R. PLETSCH

The school year is in full swing. Friendships are being renewed, seniors once again are enjoying quiet days and young moms are crying. But of course this is Chicago and all is not worry-free. Among the worries is CPS funding.

Suburban flight continues to decimate Chicago's population and its tax base. It has also become more of a problem trying to find a Catholic school, which because of fewer teaching Sisters and a lack of former ethnic commitment the Archdiocese of Chicago has fewer students since any records I can find since before WWII. Several of the schools that consider themselves Catholic have few, if any, Catholic students.

The issue we have been hearing about recently is the expansion of Charter schools. Causing the local CPS schools to lose funds to them, but let me bring up another issue, that is that the existing Charter schools should be in the campaign to limit more charters -- they are competing for the same kids.

Let me share a story. At the recent Blessed Sacrament carnival I was working a booth and two small groups of young girls, who attended St. Paul/Our Lady of Vilna when I was there, approached me. The groups together totaled seven students and a few parents.

### September Events At B-P Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled interesting programs for September.

**Homework Break** with games and crafts will be offered Thursdays, Sept. 10th to 24th from 5 to 5:30 p.m.

**Bouncy Babies** for ages 6-18 months will feature lapsit story time with nursery rhymes on Friday, Sept. 11th and Monday, Sept. 14th from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Create and Play**, a day of creativity and board games for the whole family will be offered Saturdays, Sept. 12th to 26th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Family time: Bilingual Stories and Crafts** for families with children ages 4-12 will be offered on Saturdays, Sept. 15th to 29th from 6 to 7 p.m.

**Bilingual Toddler Story Time** for ages 2-5 will feature stories, crafts, playtime and rhymes on Wednesdays, Sept. 16th to 30th from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Book Club will discuss the novel, "Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson on Friday, Sept. 18th from 10 to 11 a.m.

### Wine and Brew At St. Bruno School

St. Bruno School, 4839 S. Harding will conduct a Wine and Brew fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 19th.

Wine and craft beer tasting will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. followed by a cash bar until midnight.

Admission for ages 21 & over is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the school office or call (773) 847-0697.



Many teachers who have served a long time have common experiences of kids wanting to talk. What was unusual about this group is that all seven transferred when the school was closed and went to three local Charter schools. This means no local CPS school lost funds.

The talk of these young girls was about their future in high school. They had all heard there would be a new high school at 47th and California, because it was close to home and the parents assumed less traffic problems, they would seek it out.

This means Charter schools will also lose students to new charter schools. Simple fact: established charter schools also have something to lose, as do all private and Catholic schools. Do not let it just be a fight to keep Union jobs. While all charters are for profit, there are only so many students.

Please remember our heroes and fly Old Glory on Patriot Day, 9/11.

### Letter Writing Contest Opens

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White are urging students in grades 4 through 12 to enter the 2016 "Letters About Literature" contest -- a national reading and writing competition sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book.

Students may read a book, poem or play of their choice and write a letter to the author about how the work changed their life or view of the world. Students can enter on their own or through their schools, libraries or other youth organizations.

There are three levels of participation Level I for grades 4 to 6, Level II for grades 7 to 8 and Level III for grades 9 to 12. One Illinois winner will be selected for each level and receive a \$200 cash award. Teachers of the winning students will receive a \$100 cash award to purchase materials for their school library.

Winners and teachers will be invited to an awards ceremony in Springfield. The state winners' letters will be forwarded for national judging.

The deadline to enter the competition is Friday, Dec. 4th for Level III and Monday, Jan 11th for Levels I and II. State winners will be announced in April 2016. For more information, contact Bonnie Matheis at (217) 558-2065.

### VFW Schedule POW/MIA Event

Ted Stempien VFW Post 8821 will conduct their annual POW/MIA Remembrance at the Veterans Triangle, Archer and Tripp, on Saturday, Sept. 13th at 3:15 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Following the ceremony, the Post will conduct their annual picnic/BBQ. All local veterans are invited to partake in the food and drink.

## Library Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

Chicago Public Library is "Celebrating Diversity" with its observance of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to Oct. 15th featuring a variety of programs highlighting the culture, traditions and contributions of Hispanic and Latino residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

The Library's Opening Program for Hispanic Heritage Month takes place on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 2 p.m., at the Toman Branch, 2708 S. Pulaski Rd. The Windsome Quintet will introduce the many facets of Hispanic music from Tango to Opera to traditional folk songs.

Celebration highlights include: Lecturas, live readings of prose and poetry curated by Chicago-based artist Luis Mejico and Chicago Public Library. Sugar Skulls and Day of the Dead: Learn about Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and create

your own sugar skull in this craft program taught by local artist Matt Silva.

From the Copper Mountains: Learn about Peru and Inca culture in an afternoon filled with fun activities. Create your own miniature llama, and learn about its importance to the Incas as well as modern Peru. Storyteller Jasmin Cardenas weaves intricate worlds of myth and legend.

POV Film Screening: Al Otro Lado: The Mexican tradition of corrido music--captured in the performances of Mexican band Los Tigres del Norte and the late Chalino Sánchez. Learn the basics of Inkscape software at this Maker Lab event by designing and laser cutting your own Day of the Dead inspired keychain.

A bibliography of books about notable Hispanics and Latinos are available at all Library branches and on the Library's website. For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

## Applications Open For After School Matters

After School Matters is now accepting applications for its Fall program cycle. More than 300 programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of Sept. 28th at more than 70 Chicago public high schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community-based organization locations throughout the city as well as downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. Teens can search and apply for Fall programs online at [afterschoolmatters.org](http://afterschoolmatters.org).

Approximately 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship will be available to high school teens this fall. Fall programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 10 weeks. Participating teens will be eligible to earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level), and interns can earn \$10.00 per hour.

The programs offer teens an opportunity to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond.

A few of the innovative programs offered throughout the city this fall include:

**Advanced Video Production - Tech.** Location: Gallery 37 Center for the Arts, Loop. In Advanced Video Production, teens learn all the skills needed to make their own short movies, including script writing, editing and operating video cameras. After learning those skills, teens pitch ideas for their own short films, then write scripts, act, shoot, direct and edit to bring their visions to life.

**Fashion Forward: The Beverly Center Arts Apprenticeship - Arts.** Location: Harlan Community Academy High School, Roseland. In this apprenticeship, teens use fashion as self-expression, learning how to create a garment from start to finish. Garments made by students are modeled in a culminating runway showcase. In addition, teens learn about global fashion trends and career paths in the fashion industry.

**Growing Power: Growing Food and Community Through Urban Farming - Science.** Location: Seward Park, Near North Side. Teens in this program grow organic vegetables, herbs and flowers to better understand how to develop sustainable food systems. In addition to hands-on instruction at the farm, participants will explore the science behind farming and take part in nutrition, hunger, cooking food justice and food politics activities.

In the Forensics Lab - Science. Location: Foreman High School, Port-

age Park. Teens discover what it's like to work as a forensic scientist through hands-on learning with professionals from the Illinois State Police Department. Topics covered include fingerprinting, biology and DNA, and how the local justice department works with forensic specialists.

**MAVRc - Tech.** Location: Alternatives, Inc., Uptown. This program will explore topics relevant to teens today, such as media representation, gender expectations, street harassment, conflict and more. Participants will learn how to use their new knowledge to make their community a better place.

**Ring Leaders - Sports.** Location: Chicago Youth Boxing Club, South Lawndale. Ring Leaders prepares teens to become amateur boxing youth coaches, instructors and officials by teaching them the physical and professional components of the sport. After learning coaching techniques, methods of group management and sports instruction, teens create their own lesson plans to run weekly practicum sessions for youth in the community aged six to 12.

**Second City Improv Comedy Leaders - Gallery.** Location: Bronzeville Scholastic Institute, Grand Boulevard.

The legendary Second City offers a 10-week apprenticeship that teaches teens to use voice, body, music and personal stories as an ensemble to create characters and funny scenes to empower their lives today and for the future.

**Urban WE-COLOGY - Science.** Location: George Washington High School, East Side. The Urban WE-COLOGY project aims to strengthen the understanding and appreciation of the symbiotic relationship between people in society and nature. Students in the program are exposed to various careers associated with urban ecology and educated to become leaders in their communities for environmental justice.

Teens can search and apply for Fall programs at [afterschoolmatters.org](http://afterschoolmatters.org). Programs are free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and who are entering or currently enrolled in high school. Teens who have been in After School Matters for three or more sessions will be given priority consideration for internships. Teens interview with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests. For questions about programs and applications, call 312-742-4182 or email [applications@afterschoolmatters.org](mailto:applications@afterschoolmatters.org).

## Midnight Circus At McKinley Park



Over 1,200 people attended the Midnight Circus at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Sept. 5th and 6th. The performance was made possible by the support of volunteers, the Chicago Park District, the Park Advisory Councils of McKinley, Hoynes and Kelly Parks, and the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council. Midnight Circus in the Parks has raised almost \$800,000 for park improvements throughout Chicago since its inception. A portion of the proceeds from this year's tour will support Kelly and McKinley Parks. Event sponsors from McKinley Park included McDonald's, Razzmatazz Family Fun Center, Joe Cicchon State Farm, El Milagro, Wm. McKinley Post 231 A.L., Knights of Columbus #1063, 12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas, Cook County Commissioner Jesus Garcia, 15th Ward Alderman Ray Lopez and Filbert's Old Time Root Beer.

## Guest Speaker At Five Holy Martyrs

The Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name of Jesus Society will conduct its monthly meeting after attending 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

Guest speaker will be Deborah Coffey, principal of Pope John Paul II School. An educator for over 10 years, she spent the past 6 years as a teacher and administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Ms. Coffey earned her Bachelor's degrees from Eastern Illinois University in English and Theatre Arts and began her career in education as a high school teacher then moved to the junior high level in the subjects of English/Language Arts and Religion.

She will graduate with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Loyola University Chicago in December as a part of the Catholic Educator Cohort supported by the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools, Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education at Loyola, and Big Shoulders Fund.



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## Animal Blessing At Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church will host its annual Blessing of the Animals Service on the lawn (or in the Fellowship Hall, in case of rain) at 5550 S. Merrimac on Sunday, Sept. 20th at 3 p.m. Human and pet snacks will be provided following the service.

Beginning at 2:30 p.m. all are invited to gather and introduce their pets to one another and to the neighborhood.

A free-will offering benefiting the Anti-Cruelty Society will be accepted. For more information, contact the church office at (773) 585-1094.

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## Lithuanian Museum Presents Lecture

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski will host an evening with historian, professor Egidijus Aleksandravičius who will deliver a lecture "The Significance of the Knights of Lithuania Organization Today" on Friday, Sept. 18th at 7 p.m.

A history professor at the Vytautas Magnus University and head of the Lithuanian Emigration Institute in Kaunas, Lithuania, he has authored several history books and television and radio shows. The Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas Order and Polish Order of Merit are among his awards.

The subject of one of his recent books, Karklo Diegas, is Lithuanian em-



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igration history. Entrance fee is \$5.

## CPL Schedules Authors At Library

Chicago Public Library will present its September 2015 Authors @ the Library Series at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. In addition, programs focusing on retaining good teachers; identifying various platforms for creativity; a discussion about the "Statue Stories" citywide art project; and readings from the contributors to Outrider Press' "Black and White" anthology series, created in affiliation with TallGrass Writers Guild, are featured. For more information visit chipublib.org or call (312) 747-4050.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 6 p.m., a Catalyst Critical Conversation forum in partnership with WTTW/American Graduate will discuss Attracting and Retaining Good Teachers.

On Monday, Sept. 21st at 11 a.m., Dr. Dana Suskind, founder and director of the "Thirty Million Words Initiative," will discuss her new book Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain. Based on scientific research that shows the critical importance of early language exposure

on the developing child, parents will learn how to enhance their home language environment to optimize their child's brain development and, therefore, his or her ability to learn. Registration is required. To register, visit the events listing at chipublib.org.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 6:30 p.m., Dr. David Gauntlett, author of Making is Connecting will present a talk and mini-workshop about building networks of creativity. Platforms for Creativity can be everything from making toys to knitting groups, from maker labs to designing digital tools.

On Thursday, Sept. 24th at 6 p.m., Wil Haygood author of The Butler: A Witness to History, which served as inspiration for the hit movie, visits Chicago Public Library to discuss his new book, Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 6 p.m., Julia S. Bachrach, Chicago Park District historian and author of The City in a Garden: The History of the Chicago Park District artworks and provide an overview of the Statue Stories Chicago public art project.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

## Song Travelogue At H-W Library

The Chicago Public Library will present "Sentimental Journeys: A Cabaret Travelogue" in Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State st. on Friday, Sept. 25th at 12:15 p.m.

Singer-actor Kevin Wood will perform a world-wide tour through song and patter, blending personal stories with a wide range of musical styles, accompanied by pianist Becke Menzie.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

## Walking Tour Of Chgo. Arts District



The Chicago Arts District offers a self-guided walking tour of the 2nd Friday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. The event begins at 1821 S. Halsted for maps and details. 30 galleries, creative spaces and over 50 artists will be available.

On Sept. 11th, the "Whispering Walls" by Sarvin Haghighi will be featured. He merges traditional Iranian art forms of Farsi calligraphy and Islamic architectural designs with mixed media. The exhibit will be on view through Oct. 28th.

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All proceeds are used for children with lung diseases.

For more information, call (773) 376-2711.

## St. Richard CCW Sets Comedy Show

The Saint Richard Council of Catholic Women will present a Las Vegas Style Dinner & Comedy Show in the Parish Center, 5030 S. Kostner on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 2 p.m. The Vito Zatto Show will feature stand-up comedy, celebrity impersonations, singing and audience participation.

Ticket are \$35 in advance only by Oct. 19th. Call for (773) 585-1221 for more information.

## Education Class For Home Buyers

Marquette Bank, 6316 S. Western, will conduct a free Home Buyers Education Class on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Information about the mortgage loan process, financing options and requirements and first time homebuyer grant opportunities will be explained.

Registration is required at (773) 918-4568.

## Computer Workshop At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computer on Thursdays, Sept. 10th and 17th at 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is especially for seniors, but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.

## Free Days At Field Museum

Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore drive is offering free admission on Sept. 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 20th; Oct. 4th and 30th, Nov. 1st and 22nd; Dec. 5th, 6th and 13th.

The facility is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day. Final admission is at 4 p.m.

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Registered seniors may bring in their cars for a check up for the brakes, charging system, cooling system, air-conditioning, heater, tires, belts and computer system.

For further information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803, weekdays after 1 p.m.

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In honor of Latino Hispanic Month, the Circuit Court of Cook County will host two consecutive days of tours of the Richard J. Daley Center Courthouse, 50 W. Washington on Sept. 28th and 29th.

Tour participants will visit a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, attend an informal question and answer session with a judge, have the opportunity to meet with bar association

representatives and receive an informational guide, which outlines how the Circuit Court is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings, and includes a director of court and county services.

Reservations are recommended with Milissa Pacelli at (312) 603-1927 by Sept. 23rd. The tours are limited to persons age ten and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group.

**Bears Care Charity Benefits UCSN Athletics**



Bears Care, the charitable beneficiary of the Chicago Bears, presented a check to the Chicago Area Youth Football League on the field before the Bears vs. Cleveland Browns game at Soldier Field on Sept. 3rd. UCSN Athletics received a portion of the proceeds for their elementary co-ed flag football league. The student athletes from UCSN Brighton Park, UCSN Roberto Clemente, and UCSN Carlos Fuentes elementary schools were invited to attend the final pre-season game.

UCSN Athletics leverages participation in sports to improve academic outcomes, teach life lessons, engage parents and build community. A co-ed flag football league is conducted in thirteen elementary schools in Hispanic neighborhoods. Approximately 150 student-athletes in 5th to 8th grades participate in the league on an annual basis. Pictured are UCSN students Haizel Sanchez from Roberto Clemente School; Natalie Monet from Carols Fuentes; Sindy Sanchez and Illiana Ochoa from Brighton Park.

**Awards Day At Rhine Post VFW**

Rhine Post VFW #2729 and Auxiliary at 5858 S. Archer will conduct their annual Membership and Awards Day on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 6 to 10 p.m. A Patriots Day and POW-MIA Candle Lighting ceremony will be observed.

Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. Parking is available on west end of the lot across the street.

For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

**Ornate Box Turtles Hatch at Chicago Zoos**



The last of 26 ornate box turtles hatched at Lincoln Park Zoo and Brookfield Zoo as a part of an effort to restore native populations in Western Illinois. The hatchlings come from nine clutches provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The turtles will remain at their respective zoos for the next several months where they can thrive without the threat of predation or disease. Once the animals grow both in size and strength, they will be re-introduced into sand prairies protected by the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge in Savannah, Ill.

**Memorial Service At St. Mary**

On Saturday, Sept. 12th at 2 p.m. Pro-Life Americans through the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the Third Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a joint project of The Pro-Life Action League, Priests for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society.

Solemn vigils will be held at the sites to commemorate the more than 50 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind society of the humanity of the unborn child.

The local observance will be conducted at St. Mary Cemetery, 87th and Hamlin, at the gravesite of 500 aborted babies.

Clergy will include Bishop R. Manz, Vicariate IV; Father Jim Hyland, Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish; and Father Ismael Sandoval, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Guests are Dawn Fitzpatrick, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago Respect Life Office and Mary Griffith of Silent No More. Participants should bring a lawn chair.

**Tryouts For Poetry Festivals**

YOUmedia at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State will conduct tryouts to participate in a city-wide teen poetry festival on Thursdays, Sept. 17th at 6 p.m.

Young Chicago Authors is assembling over 130 teams for six weeks of poetry slams and community events.

**St. Laurence H.S. Alumni Honored**

Longtime NFL player, Fighting Irish Football standout, and St. Laurence Viking gridiron great Tim Grunhard, as well as Chicago Blackhawks vice president and general manager and University of Notre Dame graduate Stan Bowman, will be inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame at Hawthorne Race Course on Sept. 16th.

Grunhard was a star athlete at St. Laurence in the mid-eighties as an all-Catholic and all-state lineman under head coach Mike O'Neill. He played offensive guard for the University of Notre Dame from 1986-89 and started 164 games at center over 11 seasons for the Kansas City Chiefs before retiring after the 2000 season. Originally a second-round NFL draft pick in 1990, he earned Pro Bowl recognition in 1999. Tim is a member of the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame and Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame. He is now an assistant football coach at Bishop Miege High School in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

**Teen Spoken Word At H-W Library**

The Chicago Public Library will present Spoken-Word Performances for Teens at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Wednesdays through Sept. 30th at 5 p.m. and the Chicago Art Department, 1932 S. Halsted on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 6 p.m.

Participants will perform poetry, music, dance and comedy during YOUmedia's open mic night.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

**Personal Finance Class Offered**

Marquette Bank, 6316 S. Western, will conduct a free Good Start Finance Class on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

The basics of budgeting monthly expenses, maintaining a checking account and banking services will be covered. Registration is required at (773) 918-4624.

**Annual Walk For Alzheimer's**

The Alzheimer's Association will stage its annual Walk to End Alzheimer's at Montrose Harbor on Sunday, Sept. 27th at 10 a.m.

For more information, call (847) 324-0356.

**5K Run & Walk At Brookfield Zoo**

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to sprint, scurry, or stroll at Brookfield Zoo's annual Zoo Run Run for the Animal Care and Conservation Fund on Sunday, Sept. 20th. Registered participants are encouraged to bring family and friends to cheer them on and enjoy the zoo afterwards at no additional charge. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Care and Conservation Fund.

Participants have the option to compete in a 5K chip-timed race or a 5K fun run or a 5K walk. The 5K chip-timed race begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Discovery Center parking lot, with the fun run beginning at 8:40 a.m. and the walk starting at 8:50 a.m.

Runners can register as individuals or maximize their fun by forming

**Workshops For Small Business**

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection will conduct free small business workshops in room 805 at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. during September.

For more information, call (312) 744-2086.

a race team. The more funds raised for the Conservation fund, the more prizes they win.

Online registration, which runs through Sept. 19th, is \$35 for the chip-timed race and \$30 for the fun run/walk. The registration fee on race day is \$40 for the chip-timed run and \$35 for the fun run/walk. Parking and zoo admission for participants are free if you enter through the north entrance before 8:30 a.m. All runners and walkers will also receive a Zoo Run Run t-shirt.

Check the website, www.CZS.org/ZooRun-Run for further information.

**CCW Meeting At Lady of Snows**

Our Lady of the Snows Council of Catholic Women will celebrate the birth of Mary during a Benediction Prayer Service offered by Father Stan at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14th prior to the business and social meeting in the hall, 48th & Leamington.

There will be friendship, party refreshments and a carnival video featuring parish workers. In order to coordinate the refreshments, contact Arlene Nabor to confirm attendance at (630) 656-8782.

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