



*St. Gianna Catholic Church
April 28, 2007 - 2008 "The Second Year"*



YEAR TWO AND GROWING!

So St. Gianna Catholic Church is up and running full steam ahead!!

St. Gianna Church, with Father Timothy Elliott, as acting Pastor and Spiritual Leader, along with a Parish Council and the beginnings of all the other parish organizations that a St. Louis Archdiocesan parish usually has, is operating at 8676 Orf Road, Lake St. Louis, MO, 63367. The Rectory for the pastor is not on site but it is conveniently located about two miles west of the church in a neighboring subdivision at 331 Charity, Lake St. Louis, MO, 63367. (The Rectory was the starting point for building St. Gianna Church and remains to this day an important haven in many ways for all things "St. Gianna"!)

Accommodations at 8676 Orf are unique for this St. Louis parish only in so far as the church building is part of a strip mall. There are no other occupants of the strip mall building for now so there are no parking problems, yet. The parking lot around the front, side and back of the building accommodates parishioners' cars during church services without too much overcrowding. New parishioners are continuing to sign up, though the numbers of transfers from other existing parishes do not reflect those presupposed by the Archdiocese. But the neighboring pastors and Father Elliott are working together to "talk up" "the new kid on the block."

Though most of the "first" things have been accomplished within the first year of the church's existence, there were a few things not mentioned in the first "St. Gianna Church History" book that could have been there.

SOME FIRST LECTORS: Michelle Buck, Gigi Krumlinde, Les Allen

SOME FIRST USHERS: Jeff Huetenmeyer, Dean Juge, Ed Zmuda, Rick Appelbaum, John Pins, Michael Hauk

SOME FIRST GIFT BEARERS: Jeff Huetenmeyer, Dean Juge, Mary Henze, Allene Wernle, the Don Hladky Family



ACCOMPLISHMENTS and OTHER "FIRSTS"

One very important oversight in St. Gianna Book 1 was the role that one person played in being Father Elliott's right ARM, not just right HAND, that first year. **The Parish Secretary**, Mrs. Rita Schulte, performed so many different tasks from the very beginning and is still doing many a task at this writing, ten years later, for St. Gianna Church. Mrs. Schulte, or Rita as everyone calls her, coordinated meetings and schedules for Baptisms, new parishioners, Parish Council, Eucharistic ministers, cleaning ladies, building maintenance, made and answered phone calls, sent out mailings, typed and copied letters, relayed messages, washed and ironed altar linens, made more phone calls, was negotiator, purchasing agent, money counter, errand lady, lector at daily Mass, and stalwart friend to all, as she answered the never ending, ringing telephone. Rita was always there for the question, ready to help with a project, and knew only the words, "Of course!" and "Yes." Every parishioner depended on Rita in one fashion or another and Father Elliott often asked her opinion. Her hours were flexible and it all was no big deal to her. Mrs. Jack of All Trades and a woman of true humility, Rita was, and still is, a big part of what St. Gianna Church was made of from the word "Go!"

One of the important tasks that was done as soon as possible in establishing this new parish was getting a school with religious studies operational. This was done in a limited form with the PSR (**Parish School of Religion**) program. The PSR provided spiritual education for children who attended public school but belonged to the parish. Nancy Burian was the Director of PSR and had help from volunteer catechists for grades 1 through 8.

Mrs. Rebecca Willing was the Catechist for the first group of First Communicants at St. Gianna.

Deacon Richard (Dick) Moore and other parishioner volunteers contributed to the spiritual formation of our young crowd and the parish benefited from the combined efforts.

Wentzville School District hosted the place for the PSR to meet on Monday evenings. However, several special Eucharistic celebrations were held at the church on PSR evenings so that everyone could worship together as "church" in church. The church choir and music director and organist all helped to make the worship more meaningful and awe-inspiring. The **FIRST CELEBRATIONS** were spiritually uplifting because of many people.

MAY 4, 2007:

Father Elliott met with Mr. Vince Estrada, the Strategic Planner from Bishop Hermann.

MAY 5, 2007:

Father Elliott met with Mr. Tom Richter, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Building and Real Estate.

MAY 18, 2007:

Father Elliott met with the architect Mr. Duncan Stroik from Notre Dame.

All of these meetings were part of the construction process in getting the future St. Gianna Foundational Church in the works.

FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS: *May 6, 2007*

Elizabeth Agatha Buford, Lauren Margaret Bystrom, Olivia Therese Cobb, Robert Edward Fehrmann, Jesse Eustachius Freise, Megan Bridget Harshaw, Nikolaus Sebastian Jehle, Nicholas David Kaczmarek, Kristin Monica Pins, Nicholas Michael Rallo, Kevin Michael Schuette, Jeremy Adam Sepulveda

FIRST RECIPIENT OF MARIAN AWARD FROM ST. GIANNA'S CHURCH: *May 19, 2007. Kristen Fehrmann*

FIRST MAN FROM OUR PARISH TO BE ORDAINED AS PRIEST: *May 26, 2007. Father John O'Brien*

Father John O'Brien was ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Father O'Brien served as an altar boy for Father Elliott when Father was at Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, MO, 1988-1991. Father O'Brien worked under Father Elliott's direction at St. Joseph Parish in Josephville, MO, for two summers during his seminary training.





*May 12 , 2007
May Crowning*

*Mary
Our Mother
is crowned
by Fr. Elliott*

*with aid from
Ally Schulte*



*Kristen Fehrmann (2nd from right)
receives Marian Award
from Father Elliott, 5-19-2007*



*The PSR Class gather together for the May crowning on their Monday class night. Lots of children and teachers fill the hallways.
May 14, 2007*





The crowd increases and some children are more animated than others.





The hallway is full and the crowd is waiting.



Ms. Burian guides the children and Father talks about the importance of Our Dear Mother Mary.



*Mary is crowned!
The children present flowers in honor of
Our Mother.*



A TIME TO REJOICE!!

Father Timothy Elliott celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest on June 5, 2007. Father Elliott concelebrated a special Mass that Friday evening at St. Gianna Parish with many of his brother priests who played an important part in Father's life. The altar was packed with Special People!!

Mrs. Joyce Kelly, Father Elliott's mother, gave a large dinner party in Father's honor at Quail Ridge Park Lodge, immediately following the Eucharistic celebration. All of Father Elliott's brother priests, family and St. Gianna Parish members were invited to attend.

St. Gianna's choir members helped provide musical accompaniment for the Mass. Parish members gave to Father Elliott a gift of a specially crafted vestment of the Divine Mercy. The altar vestment was sewn by the Sisters of The Precious Blood in O'Fallon, MO. In addition, a cash gift of \$2295 helped celebrate Father Elliott's great day.

Father Elliott commented later that it was "the happiest day of my life after my actual ordination."





Paris - Louvre

Musée de

THE CONCEPTION



O Mary Immaculate, I consecrate
my priesthood to thee.

TIMOTHY PAUL ELLIOTT

ORDAINED PRIEST

JUNE 5, 1982

25TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 5, 2007

Please pray for me.

OM. 11





*Father Elliott celebrated the Mass with nine of his priest friends.
St. Gianna's own Father O'Brien was among them.*



*The altar and sanctuary was filled with priests
and the Spirit was definitely
in this place!*



*St. Gianna's Children's Choir accompanied the
celebration.*



After Mass was over there was a party for all at the Lodge in Quail Ridge Park. Some Sisters of The Precious Blood made and embroidered a new vestment for Father as a gift from St. Gianna Parish. It included the Divine Mercy picture with Sister Faustina.



*Father Elliott and Mrs. Kelly,
Father's proud mother -top
The Quail Ridge Lodge where the
party was held -top right
Festive decorations for the feast at
the Lodge -bottom right*





*Father Elliott "chews the fat"
with his priest friends, a
lifeline to sanity in a Pastor's
world.*

*Father's Mother and two
brothers and sister-in-law*

Family

*Rita Schulte with John and Kim
Kainady -bottom left
The Kainadys with Deacon Dick
Moore-bottom right*





Rita Schulte-left



Mary and Don Williams



top- Mary and
Dave Romine
with son,
and Ann Therese
Metner

bottom left-
Patty and Gary
Bennett





Youngest
member of the
parish
6/5/07



*Paul and "Doc" Mike Brown- top
Antoinette Leta,
Cara Olive with Baby Ava Olive- bottom*

*Ms. O'Brien, Maria and Rita Brown-top
Cara and Jim Olive-bottom*



Top right-Gregg and
Christine Hannibal,
Katherine Keys





FIRST BUILDING FUND COLLECTION TOTAL IN BULLETIN: June 24, 2007, \$20

FIRST FACE-TO-FACE EVANGELIZATION EFFORT: July, 2007

The Parish Council set out to begin visiting all the Catholic homes within the boundaries of St. Gianna Parish during the month of July. First attempt strategy included visiting people within one subdivision at a time. But the first subdivision that was tackled was Stone Meadows, the biggest subdivision in the area, the closest subdivision to the future Foundational Church site and a pretty challenging first run!! Everyone visited received a welcome packet along with the personal greeting by someone from St. Gianna parish.

It was a daunting task. The subdivision was mapped into a grid and groups of people were allocated to sections so that the whole subdivision was canvassed. It was hard to count the large numbers of homes that were visited. Additional visitation days have not been scheduled at this time.

WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2007:

Don Williams made and presented a beautiful wood door/screen for Father Elliott to use as a divider for the confessional. It was made to attach to a wall where needed as a permanent screen. The screen was set up in the cry room at St. Gianna's Temporary Church and is used for confession even to this day in the Foundational Church.

FIRST VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP BURKE

On Sunday, September 9, 2007, at the 11:00 Mass, Archbishop Raymond Burke visited St. Gianna's Parish. He concelebrated Mass with Father Elliott and Deacon Moore was also in attendance.

The church was especially beautiful that morning. Father Elliott had added more artwork around the place during the summer months. There were red fleur-de-leis painted on the canvas walls in the sanctuary, the large statues had all had a sprucing up with color, and fresh flowers graced the altar. The Adult Choir sang with gusto.

After Mass, Don Williams and family presented Archbishop Burke and Father Elliott with a beautiful wooden and gold plaque commemorating the establishment of St. Gianna Catholic Church by Archbishop Burke in the year 2006.

SECOND YEAR PSR CLASS: September 23, 2007.

St. Gianna's PSR program got off to a start on this evening, after a welcome Mass at St. Gianna's Church, at Timberland High School. The Wentzville School District rescinded the availability of South Middle School for the PSR program just two weeks before class was to begin. New Privacy Laws were in effect and the parish could not use the individual classrooms at the school. Now the PSR could only meet in Timberland High School's Commons, or cafeteria area. The acoustics weren't the greatest and there were no private areas for teaching the classes. Classes just sort of bunched together in areas and did the best they could. Private conversations and confessions were held in the alcoves of the room. It was a challenge for everyone. Ms. Nancy Burian and her team of volunteer parishioner teachers led the children in prayer and religious study.



*Archbishop Burke came to
St. Gianna Church
9-9-2007*

*St. Gianna Adult Choir provided
music for the celebration.
Father Elliott concelebrated the
Mass with Archbishop Burke.
Deacon Moore also presided.*



*The church was packed with parishioners.
There was lots of rejoicing going on!*

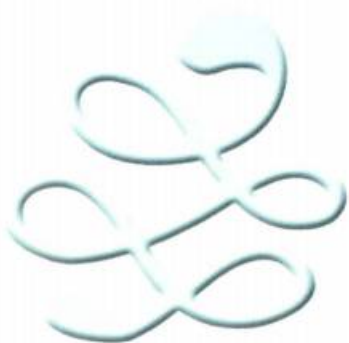


Archbishop Burke gave us words to live by and blessed us on his way.



*Archbishop Burke shook hands
with every parishioner.- top left*

Lee Ann and Brendan Juge say hello-bottom





with Paula Brown

with Barb Holmes



with Mary Anglemyer



with Matt O'Brien



with Ms. O'Brien



with Robert Fischer and son



with Jan Tokraks



with the Harrell Family



*with Pete and Julie
Lassiter*



with Cheri Hoeber



with Mary Henze



Archbishop Burke and Father Elliott stand before the plaque made by Don Williams commemorating the Archbishop's dedication of St. Gianna Parish, 2006- top



Father Elliott and the Williams Family pose in front of the woodwork and gold plaque- bottom

FIRST TAILGATE PARTY: October 20, 2007.

LeeAnn and Dean Juge hosted a Tailgate Party in St. Gianna's parking lot. Go St. Louis RAMS!!!

FIRST BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Oct. 26, 2007.

Father Elliott borrowed from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish a Bible Study titled "The Great Adventure, A Journey Through The Bible." The presentation was filmed on VHS tapes and led by Jeff Cavins. Even as a year-long program of instruction about the 46 Books of the Old Testament and the 27 Books of the New Testament, it was a basic Timeline discussion of Salvation History. But what a punch it packed! There were two one hour sessions, one in the day and one in the evening, held in the foyer/meeting area of the church each week. It was more than history, though, and everyone was captivated by the volumes of information and insight that the study provided about our Catholic faith.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2007:

Professor Duncan Stroik, an architect, is hired to design the Foundational St. Gianna Church.

Father Elliott had a meeting with Bishop Hermann, Mr. Frank Cognata, Mr. Tom Richter, Mr. Bob Palisch and Deacon Henroid PLUS two people from the Parish Council and three people from the Parish Building Committee.

One fruit of that meeting was learned about when Archbishop Burke announced to the parish at Sunday Mass, a couple weeks following, that the **Archdiocese agreed to match gifts to the St. Gianna Building Fund up to \$1 Million from the current time until December 31, 2007.**



*A new convert!
11-11-2007*

*Fr. Elliott presided with Deacon Moore
Ken Wikoff receives baptism,
with Cheri Hoeber as his sponsor,*

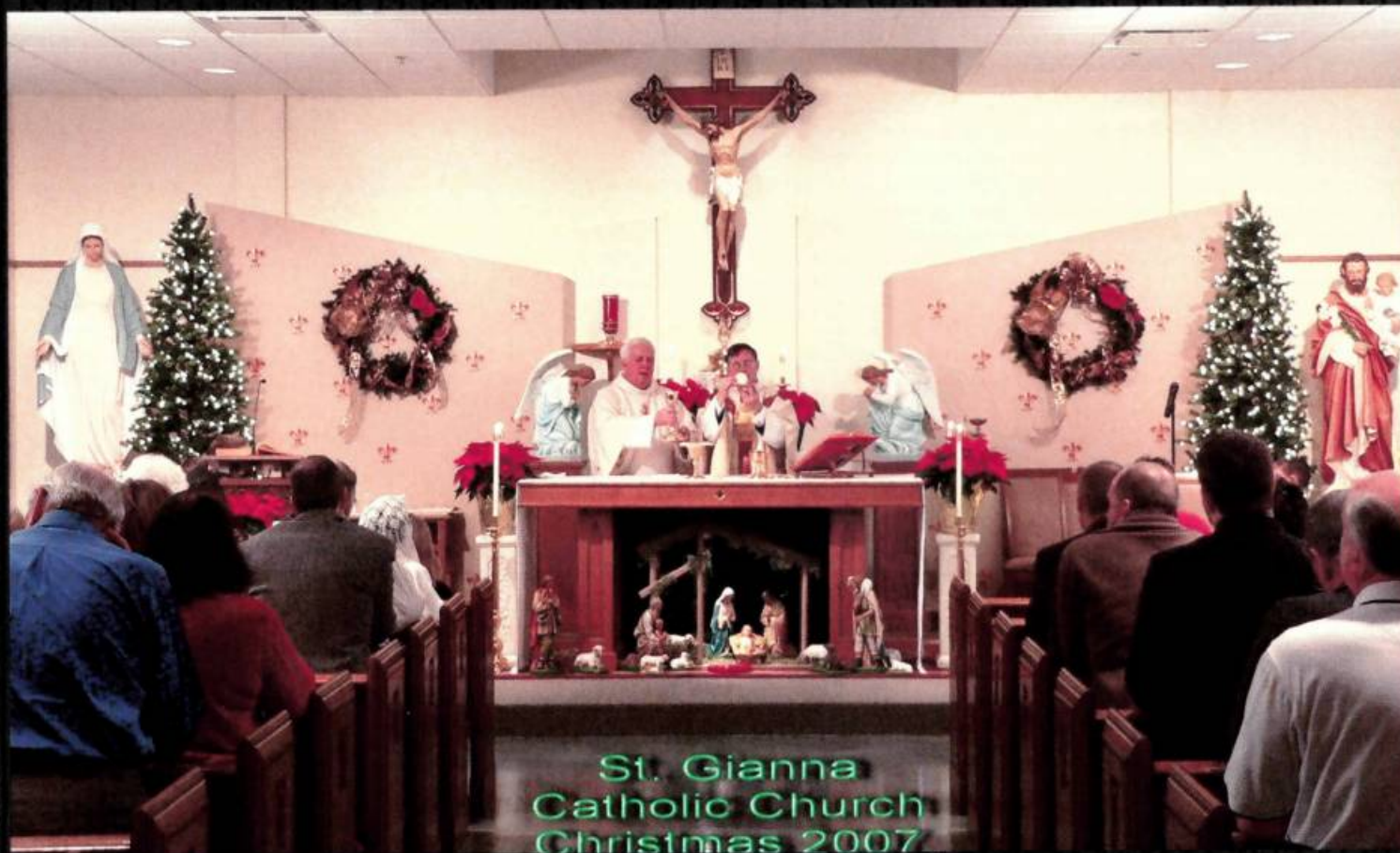




*...confirmation,
and First Holy Communion.*

*We are blessed
as he is blessed!*





St. Gianna
Catholic Church
Christmas 2007

*Our Second Christmas at St. Gianna's
Catholic Church in Lake St. Louis, MO.
12-25-2007*

FIRST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GROUP RECRUITMENT FOR ST. GIANNA PARISH: Feb 7, 2008.

Led by Peter Lassiter and Jay Plante. K of C meetings are held on Post Road in the Dardenne Council Kof C meeting building/hall.

DEATH OF OLDEST MEMBER OF THE PARISH: Feb. 10, 2008. Ralph Rhodes.

Mr. Rhodes (family) lived in the area for 94 years. He had been a member of ICD for most of those years and transferred to St. Gianna when this new parish opened.

PRESENTATION ABOUT BUILDING PLANS: Mar. 9, 2008

John Kainady and Bobbie Appelbaum presented the proposed plans for the new Foundational Church to the general Parish at all the weekend Masses.

NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mar. 9, 2008

Led by Steve Mercer. This committee was established to explore the needs of the new hoped-for St. Gianna Parish School.





*Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla
St. Gianna's daughter*

Founder of St. Gianna Physicians Guild to speak about doctor-saint on March 9

By Jennifer Brinker
Review Staff Writer

Thomas McKenna, founder of the St. Gianna Physicians Guild and personal friend of the family of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, will give a presentation on the life of the Italian saint next month.

McKenna will speak on "St. Gianna Beretta Molla: A Modern Day Saint and Messenger of Divine Love," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury. The event, open to the public, is sponsored by the archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate.

As an Italian physician, wife and mother, St. Gianna was best known for her refusal to have a medical procedure after being diagnosed with a uterine tumor, which would have resulted in the loss of her unborn child. Her death has been called a testament to the value of the unborn. The saint, who died in 1962, was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2004.

McKenna, of San Diego, also is president of the newly formed Catholic Action for Faith and Family, a movement with a goal "to promote and defend the values of our Catholic faith through the doctrines of the Church," he said via telephone interview. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke serves as episcopal adviser to the movement.

The St. Gianna Physicians Guild is one of the first initiatives of the movement. The group's vice president is Dr.

Paul Morrow, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine and an internationally known gynecological oncologist.

One of the group's first programs to inspire Catholic medical professionals in their faith is to enthrone an image and relic of St. Gianna in their offices and other Catholic health institutions.

McKenna will join Archbishop Burke and physicians at the The Center for Cancer Care and Research in West County on Friday, March 7, for a private enthrone ceremony. An image and relic of St. Gianna will be presented to the private practice.

"We're trying to reach out to be a presence for physicians who don't have any other way to have a Catholic presence with their practice," said McKenna. "There are a lot of Catholic physicians who are busy. What we're trying to do is show in little ways how to improve their spirituality, linked with their faith."

McKenna, whose wife, Bridgette, has a medical practice in San Diego, said he's been involved in lay apostolates for many years and wanted to start a faith-based effort for the medical field.

McKenna got to know the family of St. Gianna through friends, and he also accompanied Archbishop Burke to Italy in January 2007 to visit the family and places where the saint

Fr. Timothy Elliott - Pastor

lived and worked.

Upon meeting St. Gianna's daughter, Gianna Emanuela, McKenna said, "I explained to her that I wanted to promote her mother as an example for lay Catholics, but specifically someone for doctors, because she was an activist, she promoted the faith, she gave talks and she was a member of Catholic Action," a lay group that promoted the faith in society.

He recalled Gianna Emanuela saying to him: "I'm so happy to hear you say that. I meet many pilgrims who come here, and they have a simplified idea of my mother. My mother was a saint because she lived her life as a Catholic and was a holy person. As a consequence, she made that holy decision that involved me."

McKenna said he will return to St. Louis in late May to present an image and relic of St. Gianna and give a presentation on her life to members of the newly formed St. Gianna Parish in Wentzville.

He said the organization currently is working on a website and he is preparing to publish a short biography on the saint. He also hopes to soon offer an enthrone program for Catholic households.

"She is an inspiring example of a wife and mother. She also had four children and had to deal with all of the difficulties of raising a family in the 20th century," he said. "Being a modern-day saint, we find it's easier for people to relate to her."

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Local Cath

By Jennifer Brinker
Review Staff Writer

An enthrone ceremony for St. Gianna Beretta Molla held here last weekend signals the beginning of what one Catholic layman hopes will become a widespread national effort to promote the saint in the medical field and elsewhere.

About 50 physicians and others attended the ceremony held at The Center for Cancer Care and Research in West County. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke presided at the March 7 event.

Thomas McKenna of San Diego is co-founder and president of the newly formed St. Gianna Physicians Guild, which was behind last weekend's enthrone and several other events held over the weekend to promote the guild and the life of the saint.

The vision of the guild, said McKenna, is to provide physicians and other health care workers the opportunity to more strongly draw their faith into their lives and medical practices.

Dr. C. Paul Morrow, an internationally known gynecologic oncologist from the University of Southern California, is the organization's co-founder and vice president. Archbishop Burke also serves as the group's episcopal adviser.

The guild, said the archbishop, "is important because it provides a spiritual program for physicians to support them in their care for the sick ... after the example of our Lord himself."

The guild also "provides Catholic physicians an avenue to know one another and encourage one another and discuss mutual concerns with one another," said the archbishop.

"We want to give support and

Catholic doctors helping promote devotion to St. Gianna

encourage Catholic physicians to practice in a manner that's consistent with the teachings of the Church," said Morrow, who was the enthronement ceremony. "That's a very difficult thing to do in the environment today."

As an Italian physician, wife and mother, St. Gianna was best known for choosing a medical procedure to treat a uterine tumor that would not take the life of her unborn child, Gianna Emanuela.

St. Gianna's death has been cited as a testament to the value of the unborn. St. Gianna died in 1962 at age 39, a week after Gianna Emanuela was born. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 2004.

McKenna noted that the organization wants to offer enthronement ceremonies to other Catholic doctors' offices, Catholic hospitals and even churches and other Catholic institutions. A home enthronement program also is in the works.

Doctors who join the guild must sign a "Catholic Hippocratic Oath," a document drafted by Morrow that requires them to affirm their adherence to the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is based on the age-old oath drafted by Hippocrates and additionally taken by physicians for the ethical practice of medicine.

At last weekend's enthronement ceremony at The Center for Cancer Care and Research, a framed image of St. Gianna holding her daughter Mariolina and a second-class relic of a tiny piece of her clothing were hung in the main lobby of the doctors' offices.

The private practice includes several Catholic physicians. Dr. Frederick Zivnuska, a member of Francis de Sales Oratory in

South St. Louis, headed the effort to have the enthronement at their offices. Other doctors in the practice are Leonard White, Alfred Greco, Nelida Sjak-Shie, Kevin Easley and John Eckardt.

"At The Cancer Care Center we know that the Church's relic and learning example about the exemplary life of St. Gianna will help patients and their loving families embrace the joys and sorrows of the cross God has given each of them," said Zivnuska. "May all of us who work here benefit from the kindness St. Gianna showed to her own patients when she practiced medicine."

"The enthronement is a way to have the presence of St. Gianna in your medical practice," he said. "Having a picture of St. Gianna — everyone wants to know, 'What is this beautiful picture here?'"

McKenna also shared with those at the ceremony a slide show on the life of St. Gianna, including pictures of where she lived and worked. McKenna has developed a relationship with the saint's family over the years and has visited with them several times. Archbishop Burke accompanied McKenna on one trip.

McKenna said St. Gianna's daughter, Gianna Emanuela, called her mother "a saint not only because she offered her life, but that she lived her life practicing virtue in a very heroic way."

In addition to being involved with the Catholic Action movement in Italy, St. Gianna also was charitable with her patients, often giving them the money to buy costly prescription drugs and driving all over town in her little Fiat to care for them. She also talked several women out of having an abortion.



KEVIN McCARTY

ST. GIANNA ENTHRONEMENT— Dr. Leonard White, far right, carries an image and relic of St. Gianna Beretta Molla during an enthronement ceremony March 7 at The Center for Cancer Care and Research in West County. Also pictured, from left, are Thomas McKenna, founder and president of the St. Gianna Physicians Guild, Archbishop Raymond L. Burke and Msgr. Henry Breier. The ceremony, at which the archbishop presided, was organized by the guild, which was recently formed to help physicians more deeply draw their faith into their personal and professional lives.

"Her life was filled with little stories like that," said McKenna.

Among those at the enthronement were Drs. John Dickinson and Courtney Voelker, both resident physicians at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. The two young adults said that they are eager to learn more about St. Gianna and hope to use her as an example in living out their personal and professional lives.

Dickinson, who attends St. Francis de Sales Oratory, called St. Gianna "a very practical saint" and a "wonderful example to bring into practice and my own personal life."

Voelker said of the guild: "Physicians oftentimes don't have a chance to reach out in fel-

lowship to each other. This is a way to meet and encourage each other in our journey."

Also held last weekend was a private reception March 8 at the archbishop's residence for more than a dozen doctors and others, during which McKenna introduced them to the guild.

The weekend wrapped up with a March 9 afternoon presentation by McKenna to about 50 people at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. The event was sponsored by the archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate.

"I look forward to collaborating with Thomas McKenna and the St. Gianna Physicians Guild to spread a devotion to St. Gianna in St. Louis," said Christina

Heddell, director of the respect Life Apostolate. "She is a beautiful example of heroic love, which makes her a powerful intercessor for all people working to defend human dignity."

"I hope that many laypeople will develop a devotion to St. Gianna," said Heddell. "She is easy to relate to since she was a laywoman with a career and a vocation to marriage and motherhood."

For more information on the St. Gianna Physicians Guild, visit www.stgiannaphysiciansguild.org or call Thomas McKenna at (858) 401-9641. Or write to St. Gianna Physicians Guild, P.O. Box 910308, San Diego, Calif. 92191.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:

Apr. 5, 2008 Thirty children made their First Holy Communion at St. Gianna Church.

SET UP OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CAPITOL CAMPAIGN:

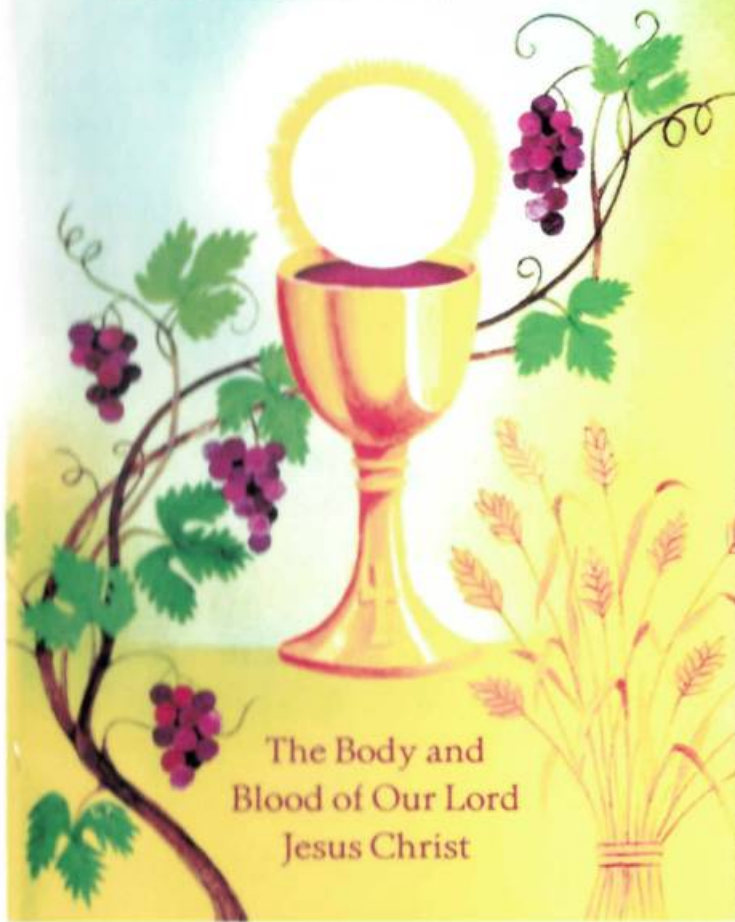
Apr. 23, 2008 Bob Schnersahl was the Campaign Manager for our parish from the Steir Group. This entity will make three proposals for the First phase of the Master Plan for building the St. Gianna Foundational Church.

FIRST OFFICIAL WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Apr. 2008. Pat Pannett, Cheri Hoeber and Rene O'Brien.

Hello
Spring

FIRST HOLY Communion



The Body and
Blood of Our Lord
Jesus Christ

*Saint Gianna Parish
Lake Saint Louis, Missouri*

*Celebrates
First Holy Communion*

*Saturday, April 05
Anno Domini
2008*

*Reverend Timothy P. Elliott
Pastor*



*Saturday, April 5, 2008,
thirty second graders made their
First Holy Communion at St. Gianna's.*

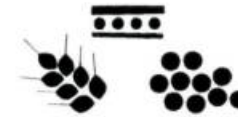
First Communicants



ALEXA LYNN ALBIETZ
JASON MICHAEL ARNDT JR.
NATALIE CHRISTINE BALTZ
KEATON BRUEGENHEMKE
GRACE NAOMI CLAUS
PEYTON ALEXIS EIKEL
ABIGAIL ROSE FALGOUT
MATTHEW JOHN GAENG
ISABELLA RAE GILTNER
JOSEPH ROBERT HANSELL
KOLLETTE ANNELIESE HOFFMAN
SAMUEL LUKE JEHLE
JAKE KANE
ALEXANDER STEPHEN LEMLEY
DANIELLE LOUISE MAGASANO
DAVID MEINDL
MICHAEL KOVAC ONDER
NOAH PETTI
ALEXANDER PETTI
NATALIE NICOLE RALLO
ALEXANDER MAGNUS RAMIREZ
ANDRES FLORENTINO RAMIREZ
NOAH GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ
MICHELLE ELAINE ROUTH
HAYLIE MYCHELLE SEPULVEDA
EMMA SMITH
HARRISON JOHN STEITZ
LILLIAN ISABEL STOECKER
SAMANTHA JO WIATER
JULIA GRACE WOLZ

*Your child's First Holy Communion is a
celebration of God's grace in
the life of the parish.*

*It has been a privilege to assist you in
preparing these precious children to
come to the Table of the Lord
for the first time.*



Catechists

MRS. MARY LAPAK
MRS. KRISTINE WILLBRAND

Director, Parish School of Religion
MRS. NANCY BURIAN, CRE

Thank you to those who helped make this
day a holy and blessed occasion:

DEACON RICHARD MOORE
PAULA BROWN, MUSIC DIRECTOR
ANN THERESE METTNER, ORGANIST

*Fr. Elliott, Mrs. Nancy Burian, and the two catechists-
Mrs. Nancy LaPak and Mrs. Kristine Willbrand- guided the
children in their religious studies. The day was a
celebration of God's grace in the life of the parish!*

Like Living Stones

Like living stones let yourselves be built on Christ. 1 Peter 2:5



St. Gianna Catholic Church

"Like Living Stones"



THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR ST. GIANNA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Like living
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yourselves
be built
on Christ.
1 Peter 2:5

Dear St. Gianna Faith Family Members,

Since St. Gianna Parish celebrated our first Sunday Mass on September 2nd, 2006, you have been supportive with your time, talent and treasure leading our parish and helping us arrive at this juncture. You have prayerfully come together and grown as a parish family and now we must continue to work with fortitude and faith to continue God's work.

As a parish family, we came together and carved our vision of where we believe the Lord is leading us. In doing so, it is clear that we have outgrown the rental space that we currently use for worship and ministry. In order to provide adequate space and address our current needs, our parish leadership prayerfully discerned and decided to move forward with a capital campaign.

To be better stewards of your financial support, it is important that we build and begin worshipping in a permanent location on the parish land. As we embark on this campaign, it is important that we realize that we cannot address all areas of concern at once; however, with faith in the Lord, we will work to address as many elements as possible in the Master Plan during this first phase.

You have our capital campaign case statement in your hands. This document outlines how each parish family may prayerfully consider what God may be calling them to do to build His Kingdom. I would ask that you prayerfully approach this decision to make a sacrificial stretch gift. If our faith family comes together and all give what they are capable of giving, I am confident in our plan.

Just as St. Gianna surrendered herself to do God's will, we must also trust in the Lord and surrender our time, talent and treasure to Him as we do His work and build for the future of our Catholic community. Invite you to join me in our faith journey of being good stewards of all we have been blessed to receive. Let us build God's kingdom on earth and lead by faith as we provide for the future of St. Gianna Catholic Church. I have made my personal, sacrificial financial pledge to this three-year effort. It is my hope that you will join me and do the same.

God bless you.

Fr. Timothy P. Elliott
Pastor

Mr. Bob Schnersahl was the representative from the Steir Group to manage the Feasibility Study for St. Gianna Parish. 4-23-2008

Ms. Diane Keller from the Steir Group interviewed most St. Gianna parishioners from June 16 to July 18 of 2008.

Our mission

As a parish family, our mission is to develop a personal commitment of discipleship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; encourage the faithful through prayer and sacrament to become more committed to the Roman Catholic church; and follow the example of St. Gianna in her selfless dedication for life and lay discipleship.

The Need

As our parish family continues to grow, it is evident that our current rental location no longer meets our needs. To address this need and provide adequate space for our growing parish family, we are embarking on the **Like Living Stones** Capital Campaign. Addressing the first portion of our Master Plan will allow us to build a permanent facility on the parish land where we can worship and gather as a parish family and can have adequate classroom space to educate our young people. The future of our Catholic faith rests with our children. We must ensure the reception of the Sacraments and education of our young and not so young.

The Goals

The goal of the **Like Living Stones** Capital Campaign is to concentrate on an initial segment of our Master Plan, which will attend to our most pressing need – to cease renting and build a permanent parish home. The first phase of our Master Plan includes the construction of a “foundational church” along with several school classrooms and office space for the parish and future school expansion. This space will enable our parish family to have a permanent home, a school to educate our youth and adequate space for our growing family.

The fundraising goal of the **Like Living Stones** Capital Campaign is to raise between \$1 million and \$1.5 million or more. These funds along with a \$1 million match from the Archdiocese, our current building fund of over \$293,000 and a loan from the Archdiocese will allow us to begin. As good stewards of the gifts we receive, we will work to address as many elements of the Master Plan as our fundraising budget allows. The current estimated cost of this first phase is approximately \$3.5 million to \$5.7 million. As our parish family continues to grow, we will work to address the additional components of our overall Master Plan.

St. Gianna had full confidence in Divine Providence and in the effectiveness of prayer. As we work to build a permanent home for our parish family it is important that we put our faith in the Lord and pray for the future of our faith family.

The Renovation, Repair and Endowment of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is the proud home of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, which allows the Archdiocese to fulfill one of its essential objectives: priestly formation. Many Arch Dioceses are unable to maintain a full seminary and we are very fortunate to be blessed with Kenrick-Glennon. With this blessing comes the responsibility to be wise stewards of what we have received. Tending to this aging and outdated facility is not only good stewardship, but it is absolutely necessary to ensure a suitable and safe environment for our seminarians. As a family in Faith, it is up to us to help in the formation of our seminarians.

The proposed renovations include the repair or replacement of the electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems, which are original and are becoming safety concerns. With a growing body of seminarians, new dorm rooms will be added, antiquated restroom facilities will be updated and the refectory will be enhanced. Additionally, a new state-of-the-art library will be constructed to provide research/study facilities for the seminarians while making room in the existing library for faculty and staff offices.

The endowment portion of the project will secure a protected future for our beloved seminary. Being good stewards of endowed funds will ensure the renovations and repairs of today will be maintained moving forward.

St. Gianna Parish's Share of this Crucial Undertaking: \$750,000

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

The timing of our capital campaign coincides with the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). By including the ACA with our campaign it will eliminate the need to approach our parishioners twice for a financial gift consideration. Your gift to our capital campaign will help to meet our 2009 ACA goal that helps to support the necessary financial needs of our schools, parishes and programs in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Your gift touches the lives of the unborn, the student, the infirmed, the elderly, the widow, the homeless and those suffering from injustice. Your gift will provide the resources to share the love of Jesus Christ through the service of others.

St. Gianna Parish's Share for the 2009 ACA: \$25,000

Methods of Giving

As you make a decision on your pledge, please remember your pledge payments are tax deductible, as provided by law. Because laws are always changing and each family situation is unique, St. Gianna Parish encourages you to consult with your family and financial advisor.

There is great flexibility in how you give to the campaign. You may choose to give a one-time gift or make payments annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. We understand this program only works if it works for you and your personal financial plan. We will also gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described below:

- Cash
- Life Insurance
- Securities
- IRAs
- Matching Gifts
- Real Estate

Budgeting Your Gift

Total Pledge Gift Amount	Annual Gift Amount	Semi-Annual Gift Amount	Quarterly Gift Amount	Monthly Gift Amount
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,667
\$30,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$833
\$25,000	\$8,333	\$4,167	\$2,083	\$694
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$416
\$12,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$333
\$10,000	\$3,333	\$1,667	\$833	\$277
\$9,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250
\$7,500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$625	\$208
\$6,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$167
\$3,600	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100
\$3,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$83
\$2,500	\$833	\$416	\$208	\$69
\$1,800	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$50
\$1,500	\$500	\$250	\$125	\$41

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The need was great and many parishioners pledged to make the campaign very successful for St. Gianna Parish.

As you see in the far right column, many parishioners worked to build our more permanent church- many helping hands, voices and dollars.