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Earthen Vessel provides music for singing and dancing



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Looking Ahead

- * Mission Board meets Dec 16th at 7pm @
St. Paul's in classroom
- * ACTS Board Meets Jan 6th at 6:30pm @
 St. Paul's classroom
- * Community Gathering Dec 6th
 2-5pm St Pauls Church and hall

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

The Pope has declared this the year of St. Paul in honor of the 2000th anniversary of the saint's birth. To celebrate, **each month this year on the 3rd Thursday, the Cathedral** is having presentations on some aspect of Paul's life and/or teaching. The Cathedral is located on the corner of 5th & Gold St in downtown Juneau.

Annual ACTS Family Gathering

Saturday, December 6th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Church and hall.

Begins with a prayer service, potluck, and then music with Earthen Vessel. Bring a [gift for a needy](#) child.



2008 Directors are introduced and blessed at the ACTS gathering.



is the reason for the season

ACTS is ACTION... You are ACTS... Be ACTIVE

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If you move or change your email, call 789-0760, or email help@actsinaction.com. Please help us stay in touch!

Teen Blog!! No report



Wasilla ACTS

Is growing and beginning outreach and communication to ACTS brothers and sisters in their area. They have a Wasilla yahoo email group that is moderated by Pat Park-Fisher. Coming soon they will have a newsletter published compliments of Susan DeLoach. Susan is also maintaining their web site with help from Lynne Clements who keeps up www.actsinaction.com . Visit their site at www.wasillaacts.com .



Wasilla men are waiting for retreatants Nov 2008.

ACTS Mission Board minutes from Sept 2007 are posted on the ACTS website at www.actsinaction.com.



If you have the desire to assist the community in feeding your brothers and sisters at the Glory Hole you can assist either financially or you can volunteer to be on the list to help cook. Our night is the 4th Monday of the month. Keep in mind this is different than the LAST Monday of the month. Some months have 5 Mondays. For the past year expenses have been paid out of pocket by those doing the cooking. A big THANK YOU to those who emailed or called with offers of support!! We now have the ability to accept those financial gifts.

Please call 463-1554 or email rbtonkin@gmail.com to place yourself on the list to help cook. Usually three to five days notice is given before our night to cook. If you wish to make a donation to buy food, please make checks out to ACTS Missions and either mail or drop them off at ACTS Missions, St. Pauls, 9055 Atlin Ave., Juneau, AK 99801.



Men at retreat Meier Lake



Kitchen volunteers for the men's retreat
Kerri, Sharon, Linda, Elizabeth, Judith, Lynne



Men line up before the return mass in Wasilla.



The glory of God's country abounds at Meier Lake.

The Safety of Our Children

Remember the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child"? Or the recount in the Gospels of Jesus' tender encounters with children and His great expressions of love for them? It is with this same care that the newly initiated ACTS Board thought it was important to remind everyone of the policies that were put into place in regard to a safe environment for our children while assisting or accompanying their parents at ACTS Retreats and social functions. These policies were put into place not only because of the Catholic Diocese of Juneau's published Safe Environment Policy (1) but most importantly because of several incidences that have occurred in the past that have put our children at very high risk of falling victim to sexual predators. Yes, right here in our safe community of Juneau, our children have been exposed to this horrendous crime. It is for this reason mainly that the Board over the last few years felt it was imperative to put into place certain policies in regard to children and ACTS functions:

- 1) No children under the age of 18 are allowed to assist with meal preparation or serve meals at the camp where a Men's or Women's Retreat is being held (even if they are present with a parent or guardian). This is the only way we can allow Adult retreatants to attend without each and every one having to undergo a background check. In a recent Safe Environment training provided by the Diocese of Juneau, many of us learned that sexual predators suffer from a mental

illness that is difficult to treat and putting them in the presence of children under any circumstance can be harmful. And, putting children into an uncontrolled environment can be extremely harmful to them as well.

- 2) Childcare will no longer be offered in the Lodge at the Shrine of St. Therese during the Candlelight Service. We cannot control who is on the Shrine premises. However, it may be offered at the Parish Hall by adults who have undergone safe environment training and have undergone a background check.

Finally, though it is not a policy, it is strongly urged that parents and/or guardians never leave their young children unattended at or around the Church area during Masses, potlucks, picnics or other social gatherings. There have been occurrences of registered sex offenders who have been present during these events at and around the grounds of the Church and in the Gathering Space area of the Church.

Again, we present this information to you with great love and concern for all of our children. Not to scare you or put you off from attending ACTS functions but to be keenly aware of where your children are and who is caring for them so that all of us will be safe. If you have any questions in regard to these policies please contact any of the Board members listed in this Newsletter. And please always remember to pray for safety for all of God's children, young or old, and for the Board that they continue to consider Jesus' great love for all of us in their endeavor to set and make policies that affect all of us on our faith journeys.

ACTS Board



for future mailings

Katie prepared this newsletter.

THANK YOU for those who volunteered!

Email help@actsinaction.com or call Lynne 723-7376



"Loving Locals" Wish List



Ages 2-4 Boys or Girls

Age-appropriate games and toys
dolls for girls
stuffed animals
warm socks
mittens or gloves
winter hats
picture books
coloring books and crayons
novelty t-shirts or sweatshirts
puzzles
Fisher Price toddler toys
toys that light up
batteries for any toys



Ages 10-14 Boys or Girls

Age-appropriate games and toys
board games
electronic games
stuffed animals
puzzle books
jigsaw puzzles
warm socks
CD's or DVD's
mittens and gloves
winter hats and scarves
books
journals
calendars
candies



Ages 5-9 Boys or Girls

Age-appropriate games and toys
Board games
electronic games
stuffed animals
dolls for girls
action figures
books or journals
matchbox cars
jigsaw puzzles
mittens or gloves
winter hats and scarves
coloring books and markers
novelty t-shirts or sweatshirts
candies and candy canes
disposable cameras
RC cars and toys
sports theme t-shirts and caps

Please bring all gift donations to the narthex or either parish office. All donations will be packed in age and gender-appropriate boxes and sent to Love, INC for distribution to local families. May God bless you for your participation in this ministry!

This Ministry is a cooperative effort between the St. Paul's community and Love, INC.