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ACTS Missions Board

Minutes from Sept 2007 online

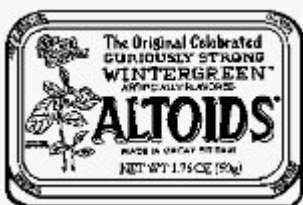
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Wasilla ACTS Board

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Looking Ahead

- * Mission Board meets Nov 17th at 7pm @
St. Paul's in classroom
- * ACTS Board Meets Nov 4th at
 6:30pm @ St. Paul's Rm #3
- * Community Gathering Dec 6th



Altoid tins needed

Call Paula Rohrbacher 364-1599 These are used to make pocket icon shrines. Charles Rohrbacher painted the icons that are in St.

Annual ACTS Gathering

Saturday, December 6th from
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. St. Paul's
 Church and hall.

We'll begin with a prayer service,
 potluck, and then concert.

The 2009 Directors will be introduced.



Wasilla Men's return last year.



for future mailings

– Bonnie or Debbie prepared this newsletter.
 THANK YOU for those who volunteered!
 Email help@actsinaction.com or call
 Lynne at 723-7376.

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.

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



Men's return mass at Sacred Heart Church/Wasilla



Kitchen volunteers for the men's retreat
Sherie, Kerri, Vivian & Phyllis



Teen Blog!! Katie Benning

I had the honor and the privilege to be asked by Debbie Augustus to be a chaperone on a Teen ACTS Retreat a few years ago. It was my son Levi's last year to be on Team, so it was already a sentimental occasion for me. But also, our family had suffered some losses that year, so I was feeling empty and beaten down personally, so I didn't think I had much to offer. Debbie told me not to worry, that the Teens do everything, I just needed to be present. And so they did and then some! The Teens blew me away with their open and generous souls! How they cared for one another was a pure blessing and I was thankful that I was able to stand by and have some of that love spill over onto me. The Teens helped me to heal that weekend. Never underestimate the power of the Spirit or the power of a group of young people immersed in that Spirit, it's an awesome thing to behold! This last year, with a record number of Retreatants is only a further testimony that the Spirit burns in our young people and we are blessed to be surrounded by them.



Wasilla men's retreat is taking place Nov 6th. [Updated lists](#)

Retreatants	
Jim	Bieker
Glen	Elrod
Kevin	Woodvine
John	DeLoach
Larry	Caswell
Garry	Lynch
Fred	Stirn
Mike	Pezzni
Mark	Gordon
Andy	Panko
Steven	Menard
Michael	Dearing
Joe	Grieser
Darren	Sepel
Edward	Van Krevelen
Thomas	Van Krevelen



We are pleased to let the community know the ACTS Mission Board granted the community the ability to hold donated assets for the Glory Hole mission in its bank account. By doing so they have provided full disclosure and accountability. A separate line item in the ACTS Missions Board financial statements will be reported monthly, along with Glory Hole expenses and receipts. These funds will be dedicated to buying food for the community to prepare each month.

So... 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.

Mens Wasilla Team November 6th			
Rick	Ackley	John	Klapperich
Peter	Barela	Ted	Lehrbach
Trueman	Beer	Fr.	Luz
Paul	Beer	Don	Malone
Bill	Benning	Pat	Moore
John	Boddy	Tim	Obst
Lee Ray	Clements	Nathan	Parmelee
Jim	Coldwell	Dave	Ringle
Randy	Coleman	Dan	Rodriquez
Steve	Culligan	Mike	Schachle
Burt	Curry	John	Schauwecker
Mike	Devine	Winston	Smith
Bob	Fox	George	Watt
Dewey	George	Robert	Tonkin
Scott	Gunnell	Rick	Wolfenberger
Pat	Hall	Jamey	Young
Kerry	Hondl	Alex	Zerbinos

Please pray for these men and their families as they prepare for the retreat.

And pray for those who will be traveling from Juneau to be on team and out team.



Maron reads during the men's return mass in Wasilla.

A Reminder About the Selection of Teams

by the ACTS Board

With the formation of teams for next years' retreats and the number of community members that make up our ACTS Community, the ACTS Board would like to remind everyone of the formula that is used by our directors as they select their teams. First of all the directors are provided with a list of all Community members that have been on retreat before and they sit and pray over all the names. They must select 1/3 of the members that have been on three or more prior teams, 1/3 that have only been on one to two teams and 1/3 that have never been on a team. The reason for this formula is to give everyone in the ACTS Community an opportunity to be on a team. Those not invited to be "on team" are encouraged to participate as members of the out team, a vital part of any retreat. The out team is involved with food preparation, transportation, luggage check-in, prayer, writing letters, helping with the potluck, candlelight and the list goes on and on. As the saying goes "it takes a village" well, it takes the Community to host a retreat. So please don't feel slighted or discouraged if you are not "invited" to be on team but, consider it a gift to use your talents and skills in a different way. If you are "invited" to be on team, and accept, please remember that you are making a commitment to attend all the meetings (unless there is an emergency), and to fully participate in the preparation and implementation of the retreat.

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.

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