

Spires Steward

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

1 Peter 4:10



If the door needs to be held, Irv Borgerding is the one holding it. For the past few years, Irv has been greeting the youth as they gather for Faith Formation on Wednesday nights throughout the year and weekdays during the summer.

Irv recognizes that one of the gifts God has given him is time. When he was approached by another parishioner one year, asking if he'd greet the youth coming to events in the grade school, he happily agreed. "In addition to welcoming the youth, I try to joke around with them too. It makes the job more fun, and brings a smile to some faces."

If you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents with the youth of our Cluster, call Chelsea Evett at 875-7325.

Catholic Corner

1. What Sacrament was foreshadowed when Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea in order to be freed from slavery in Egypt?

- A. Reconciliation
- B. Baptism
- C. Holy Orders
- D. Confirmation

2. True or False: You can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick more than once.

Answers on reverse.

Parish Champion Resource Review

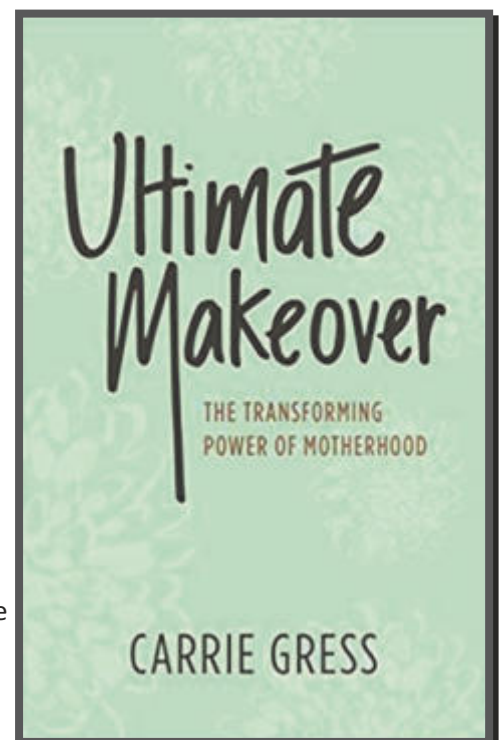
At the beginning of each month, a free resource (book or CD) will be placed at the entrances of all of our churches and highlighted in the bulletin. These resources are intended to help you grow in your faith and relationship with God. Please take a resource and pass it along when you are finished with it!

Isn't it ironic that in today's world, western women (us in the US) who live with unprecedented wealth, health, and opportunity don't report being happy. In fact, 1 in 4 women are on antidepressants, 11% are on anti-anxiety medication, 8 million suffer from drug or alcohol addiction and obesity rates have never been higher. Why? In her book Ultimate Makeover, Carrie Gress points out that women are finally beginning to notice that feminism's promises still leave a void in our hearts, leading to unhappiness.

Women are called to be mothers. Being a mother means being "woman" and being woman means being "mother." All women are called to spiritual motherhood whether or not we are also called to be biological mothers. Motherhood is difficult and yet it is a beautiful calling, a beautiful vocation. Society does not offer many examples of what it means to be a woman/mother because for many decades woman has been trying to be like "man."

This book, relying on the wisdom of Edith Stein (Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), opens our minds to think about questions like: what really is the heart of a woman? What is our vocation? What can I do to develop my character and become a woman of stunning beauty that radiates from my interior life even after eighty? How can motherhood be the perfect antidote to the vices that come so readily to woman such as vanity, pride, fickleness, over-controlling etc.?

The book is short and sweet and each chapter ends with thought provoking questions. Grab some of your close friends, read the book together, discuss the questions, and start becoming the woman and mother that God created you to be!



Parish, School and Community Events

June was a busy month for our youth! June 11-22nd was our summer faith formation program for 1-10th grade. Students enjoyed class time, music and gym class, attending Mass and Reconciliation, and a fun day to wrap the program up.

June 24-29 was Totus Tuus, a week-long Catholic camp for 1-12 graders. A team of four college students lead games, skits, breakout learning sessions and A LOT OF FUN. The week ended with the traditional shaving cream and water fight! Special thanks to the Dyersville fire department for bringing out a truck to help beat the heat!



CATHOLIC CORNER ANSWERS

1. B. Baptism

2. True: The Anointing of the Sick is not just for those who are at the point of death. Anyone who is in the danger of death from sickness or old age are encouraged to receive the sacrament. If a sick person recovers and becomes sick again, they may receive the sacrament again. If their condition becomes worse, they may receive the sacrament again. One may also receive the sacrament before a serious operation.

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