

# Cheers!



## A Newsletter of the Parish Kitchen

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### **For A Great Night At The Tables** **Mark Your Calendar for** **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

The Parish Kitchen is once again invited to participate in the **Charity Night at the Tables**, sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Turfway Park.

Thanks to your support last year, the Parish Kitchen sold over 80 tickets for this enjoyable event and qualified to be invited back in 2007, along with seven other charities.

Each charity will have an opportunity to ultimately win \$10,000 for their cause

Charity Night At The Tables involves players' using play-money to gamble in a casino type setting. During the event, held at Turfway Park, participants compete for winnings for their favorite charity. The "winnings" determine which charity gets first pick of the horses running in the Lane's End Stakes. The charity whose horse finishes first (or best among the chosen) receives \$10,000. All others receive \$2,000.

The event itself is filled with all of the excitement that horse racing has to offer, the pageantry, the food, and the tradition. We hope to see you there.

Each charity will be selling tickets for the event with the top three selling charities being invited to participate again next year. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Kitchen for tickets.

### **Lincolns For Leon**

Throughout each year the Parish Kitchen is asked to host part of an Insights program for grade school students from around the area who are about to be confirmed. The program is led by a staff person from Catholic Social Services. Our role is to relate the history and philosophy of the Parish Kitchen. The focus usually turns to homelessness so we always tell the story of our friend and former guest, Leon Greene.

Many years ago Leon, who came in every morning early to help us wrap forks, was brutally beaten and murdered by three young people who commented, "It was nothing. He was just a bum."

Actually Leon was one of the finest individuals I've ever known. When the eighth grade students from St. Joseph School in Crescent Springs heard his story they took action. They revisited the Kitchen to make a video to take back to the rest of the school's students and then launched a Lincolns for Leon campaign to purchase new table covers and new plates for the Kitchen in Leon's name. They collected \$1,500! That's a lot of pennies. Many thanks to everyone at St. Joe's who supported this project. See Page 2 for related letter.



*Have A*  
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

See related story “Lincolns For Leon” on Page 1

May 30, 2006

St. Joseph School  
All Students, Faculty & Administration  
2470 Lorraine Ct.  
Crescent Springs, KY 41017

Our Dear Friends,

Never have we been so touched by kindness and generosity as we have by yours. We quite simply are overwhelmed. Since I was your guest on Thursday you have been on my mind constantly. Your hearts are so full of love and concern for others! I listened very closely to your reflections on the Lincolns for Leon campaign. How fortunate you are to have teachers, parents and others to support you in this effort. What an example you are to this community of all that is good! The future is in very good hands.

I know Leon would be so humbled to think he inspired this gift. How clear it is that he is still guiding us to be the best that we can be. I always told him he was “the best Leon he could be”. In all the years I knew him (and still do) and loved him (and still do), I seldom saw him without a smile. Wow! What that smile must be like now...sitting next to our Lord.

Your placemats and bookmarks are going out today. Our guests will love them. Also, I will be ordering the plates and getting the table covers this week. Every time we look at them we will think of you...and Leon.

On behalf of our guests we extend our deepest gratitude and respectfully ask that you keep us in your hearts and prayers as we do you in ours. Have a safe and happy summer. God bless you.

Fondly,

Molly Navin  
Director

**Doe,  
A Deer,  
A Female Deer.**



### **Blankets! Blankets! Blankets!**

Parish Kitchen is out to BLANKET the city, as it collects new blankets and sleeping bags to distribute as Christmas gifts at the Kitchen. These gifts not only warm the body, but also the hearts and souls of our guests.

Many of our guests spend the winter living outdoors or in unheated dwellings. A warm blanket or sleeping bag could truly be a lifesaver.

Has your group been looking for a service project?

**Be A Leader!** Organize a blanket drive in your church, school, or neighborhood. This is a worthy project for any group looking for a way to serve the community. Just print some flyers, call your friends and family and collect the blankets. Then give us a call to pick them up or if you have the means, deliver them to the Parish Kitchen in time for Christmas.

On Monday, May 1 we got a bit of a surprise when a deer crashed through the glass door from the courtyard just after we started serving our guests. We were all startled by the sound of breaking glass but soon realized what was happening.

The frightened animal ran through the dining area and down into the office and storeroom. While we were calling the Police for help, the noise coming from the office was a little concerning! Within minutes she left, still running and still frightened.

As she left the courtyard and jumped down into the street she bumped into the Police cruiser that was coming to our aid. No one was hurt and no real damage was done other than the broken glass on the door. The guests displayed their usual reserve and good senses of humor through it all. Just when we think we have seen it all.... Oh dear, oh deer.

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### **Parish Kitchen Gets “Grilled”**

**Board Member Andy Tracy did the cooking this summer at the Parish Kitchen Board annual cookout and noticed that our grill was in bad shape. He made a few phone calls and Thanks to Home Depot in Crescent Springs, the Parish Kitchen now has a new gas grill.**

**What a great Christmas gift for the Kitchen.**

**Thank you Home Depot!**

**Just a Reminder**  
**Designate Parish Kitchen As Your Charity of Choice.**

When you shop at Remke Market make sure you sign up for a preferred customer card. This card will not only save you money but will also send an automatic donation from the stores to the Parish Kitchen.

All you have to do is fill out a very short application and designate the Parish Kitchen as your charity of choice. Then every time you make a purchase using your card, the store will give a percentage of your total bill to The Parish Kitchen. It is truly a Win, Win.

**The New Web Site Is Up and Running**

The Parish Kitchen Board would like to thank Dave Hatter of Libertas Technologies for his assistance with the launching of our first Web Site. The Parish Kitchen News Letter and other information can now be found on the web at...

ParishKitchen.org