

✠ **Divine Mercy Parish** ✠

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 2910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

Rev. Stefan J. Niemczyk, Pastor

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August 15, 2010



Vigil of Sunday – 4:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. - **Sunday** – 8:00 a.m.(Polish) and 9:30 a.m.

Daily Masses – 7:00 a.m. (except Tuesday) - Tuesday – Novena & Mass 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses – Refer to Mass Schedule

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** – Saturday 3:00 p.m. First Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & HOLY MATRIMONY** – Contact Rectory to make arrangements

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)** – Contact Rectory when the need arises

**SICK CALLS** – Anytime

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Co-Directors of Religious Education: Jean Brigham (283-4232)  
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Organist: Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher (596-2727)

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**



#### **SATURDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

#### **MONDAY, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **TUESDAY, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Alcoholic Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. – St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

#### **THURSDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **FRIDAY, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **SATURDAY, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. - First Mass for Fr. Tomasz Gorny, with reception to follow in the Parish Center  
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday - August 14<sup>th</sup> St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr**

7:00 a.m. - +Stanislaw Kryczka – Jozef & Teresa Sucharski

4:00 p.m. - +Joseph Misiaszek – Polish Womens Club of Three Rivers  
+Aline Dumas – Kosnicki Family

5:15 p.m. - +Theodore Ziemba – Florence Ziemba

### **Sunday - August 15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. - +Mary Wojnilowicz 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Her Son Michael

9:30 a.m. – +Souls of Purgatory – Lydia Tanne

### **Monday - August 16<sup>th</sup> (Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time) St. Stephen of Hungary**

7:00 a.m. – All Parishioners of Divine Mercy

### **Tuesday - August 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – +Lucien Tremblay – Joanna Stolar & Family

### **Wednesday - August 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +John Styspeck – Edward & Sandra Kwasniewski

### **Thursday - August 19<sup>th</sup> St. John Eudes, priest**

7:00 a.m. – +Constantine Cioch – Her Daughter and Grandchildren

### **Friday - August 20<sup>th</sup> St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church**

7:00 a.m. - +Helen Grzywna – Lynn Riendeau

### **Saturday - August 21<sup>st</sup> St. Pius X, pope**

7:00 a.m. – +Deceased members of Rose & Arthur Provost Family – Ann Provost

4:00 p.m. - +Louie & Ann Baldyga – Alice Pietrewicz

5:15 p.m. - +Michael & Theresa Szwed – Their Family  
+Joanne Rzanca – Joseph, Diane, Stanley, Lynn, The Grandchildren & Great  
Grandchildren

### **Sunday - August 22<sup>nd</sup> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. – +Maria, Veronica i Jan Kloszkowski od rodziny

9:30 a.m. – +Walter & Stephen Janulewicz – Rosella, Wally & Victor  
+Earl & Sophie Schultz – Their Family

9:30 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Mass Rev. Tomasz Gorny – Reception to follow.

~~ **DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS** ~~

**CCD CLASSES FOR 2010-2011** - CCD will begin the weekend of September 18th and 19th. Registration will be on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> after Masses and on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> after Masses. All children are required to register. Registration fee is \$15.00 per child no more than \$45.00 per family. Any questions please call Jean Brigham at 283-4232. CCD will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Saturdays and from 10:30 am to 11:30 am on Sundays.

**CCD CLASSES FOR GRADE 10** will begin on Sunday, September 12<sup>TH</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Kolbe Room. If you have any questions, please call Dick and Barbara Kelleher at 596-2727 (leave message). At that meeting, we'll decide on a day and time that will work for the majority.

~~ **ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT** ~~

Wednesday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday – 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*If you can give one hour, or substitute, please call Diana Roth @ 283-8709*

**Forgiveness**  
**“No one heals himself by wounding another.”**  
**St. John Chrysostom**

**For Reflection:**

**“We should be careful of what we allow to rent space in our heads!”**

*Something to think about !*

**PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

.....If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His Church, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or email: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org). Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com).

~~ DONATIONS ~~

*SINCERE THANKS for your generosity & support of our parish – God Bless All*

**GENERAL FUND** - \$10 in memory of Henrietta Smigiel from Gloria Nowak  
\$10 in memory of Julia Gralenski Ledford Dynak from Gloria Nowak

**BURSE FUND** -

**THANK YOU** – to **Ken Kozlik** for use of a tent at the picnic  
- to **Pride Cleaners** for cleaning the rugs in the Parish Center

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. – First Mass for Fr. Tomasz Gorny, with reception to follow  
in the Parish Center

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“SIGN IT” - DIVINE MERCY When writing a check out to the church, please make it out to **“Divine Mercy Parish”**.

FOOD SHARE – Please continue to assist with your donations to the Food Share program. All non-perishable items are accepted, including crackers, Jell-O, condiments, coffee, tea, jams, jellies, cake mixes, etc. Drop off donations in the box at church. *Thank you for your help!*

WEB-SITE UPDATE – Please visit our church web-site www.churchofdivinemeracy.org. Paul Brozek is the person that updates the web site; if you have any comments or would maybe like to see something added, please contact the Rectory. Weekly bulletin can be viewed there.

STAR 2010-2011- Your **AUGUST** contributions to the STAR Program may be deposited in the weekly collection basket or may be mailed to the Rectory. Please make your check payable to Divine Mercy Parish and include the applicable coupon so you will be properly credited and entered in the next drawing.

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ALL LECTORS at the 4 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday Masses: Please pick up your new schedules in the Sacristy unless it was e-mailed to you. Contact Diane Baldyga (283-8608 or e-mail dbaldyga@comcast.net) for scheduling issues at the 4 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses.

KOHL'S CARES is giving away \$10 million to 20 schools. Holy Name School in Chicopee, MA, a school in the Springfield Diocese, is competing to be one of these schools and your vote can help! The teachers at Holy Name would love to see this money spent on new technology for our classrooms including computers and Smart Boards. This money would also be spent on building repairs, new textbooks, and art supplies, among other things that are needed. We have many ideas and need your help! Visit www.facebook.com/kohls to cast your vote! Melissa Fijal, a parishioner of Divine Mercy attends Holy Name School. Please help support her school by voting.

THANK YOU – We would like to say thank you to Michael Wostena for his devoted services to our CCD Program. Michael was the CCD Coordinator for many years and gave many hours of his time in helping our young parishioners strengthen their faith. Michael has decided to retire as our CCD Coordinator. We wish Michael well and thank him for all his hard work. God Bless.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER We need a CCD teacher for the Kindergarten class. Please call Jean Brigham at 283-4232 or see Father if interested.

CCD TEACHERS – All CCD Teachers, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, **September 1st** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, to discuss the upcoming class year. It is very important that all teachers attend.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's *Annual Catholic Appeal* a success. While the active phase of the *Appeal* has ended, donations and pledge payments are still being collected and recorded. Your support of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* has a broad effect on our entire community. The agencies that are funded by the *Appeal* turn your dollars into hope for the most vulnerable among us. We ask that you continue to pray for the success of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* and its many beneficiaries.

~~ **AROUND THE AREA** ~~

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 358 Pleasant St. in Gardner, MA is joining the P.A.C.C.'s Polish Picnic on Sunday, **August 15th** at 171 Kendall Pond West in Gardner from 12 – 6 p.m. There will be Polish and American food. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by Eddie Forman. There will be various tables and raffles including money, liquor and basket raffles; Restaurants, etc; face painting and much more. Come join the fun. (978)632-0375.

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ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL – Sponsored by: St. Stanislaus, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul Parishes. Festival to be held on the St. Stan's Club Grounds, South Street in West Warren on Sunday, **August 22nd** from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. The Maestro's Men will be playing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and there will be Polish food, games and raffles. Public is invited – rain or shine!! Free admission and free parking behind the Pavillion.

ST. STANISLAUS BASILICA, Chicopee - The ANNUAL TRIDUUM to OUR LADY of CZESTOCHOWA will be held **Tues., Aug. 24, Wed., Aug. 25, and Thurs., Aug. 26** at the Basilica on Front St., Chicopee. Devotions are at 7:00 each evening. On Aug. 26, the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, a candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Icon of Our Lady will close the Triduum. Homilies in English and Polish each evening. All are invited.

(Around the Area..continued)

QUABOAG VALLEY HOSPICE – Since 1987, the QVH has provided compassionate care and support for terminally ill patients and their families in Palmer. Our focus has always been on providing services that enhance quality of life and maintaining personal dignity. Our mission statement affirms our goals when serving our community. As part of our commitment to you, QVH is pleased to offer Bereavement Support Groups facilitated by our Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator. Support Groups are from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings from September 7th to October 26th and November 2nd to December 21st. Space is limited, pre-registration is required. Call Fr. Domenic Ciannella at 283-9715 to reserve a place.

ST. MARY'S DINNER DANCE – St. Mary's Parish on 60 South St. in Ware will be holding their next Dinner Dance on September 11th with The Maestro Men. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. sharp and will include pork chops, mashed potatoes, vegetable, apple sauce, rye bread and butter, kapusta, coffee, tea and dessert. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.



If your reading this bulletin for the first time in a long time---or perhaps for the very first time ever---perhaps the Lord has brought you to us. At holydays like Christmas and Easter, we see many other faces than we do throughout the year. **WE WELCOME YOU!** If you have been away from the Church,---for whatever reason: hurt, misunderstanding, disagreement, etc.---perhaps this is Our Lord's INVITATION TO YOU TO COME BACK AND BE WITH US ON A REGULAR BASIS. The Church was founded by Jesus, upon the rock of Peter, the first Pope. While she is made up of humans who are frail and weak like each of us, the Church herself remains the spotless Bride of Christ. Her purpose is to lead us to Christ, Who wants all of us to be with Him in heaven. Don't be afraid. Don't look for other excuses. There's no better time than NOW. **WELCOME HOME!**

“Where We Hope to Follow.”

More often than not, death notices begin simply with “(name) *died* (or *passed away*) on...” But have you noticed how “creative” some obituaries have become? Here are a few examples: “*Susan _____ peacefully passed away on....*” / “*Harold _____ ascended into the journey of everlasting life on....*” / “*Margaret _____ departed this life for a new adventure on....*” / “*Tim _____ was called home on....*” / “*Mary _____ went to join her dear family and friends on....*” / “*Bob _____ went to be with God on....*”

These variations are saying the same thing: somebody *died*, but in more “colorful” language. Some are a bit presumptuous (e.g., does the writer have some guarantee that the deceased is immediately in heaven?).

There are reasons for creative obituaries. First of all, newspapers now permit survivors of the deceased to write them (the more words, the more money the paper charges). Also, as our society becomes more secular, many people attempt to “disguise” the certainty of death. Because of its unknown quality, each of us fears death to some extent. But our Catholic faith teaches and consoles us that in death, “*life is changed, not ended.*” (Preface of Christian Death I) Yes, each human dies. But eternity with God is offered to each of us if we follow His Commandments, the Gospel, and the Sacred Magisterium (teaching office) of the Church which Our Lord founded. It’s only when an active faith life is lacking, then death and what happens afterward are a source of fear.

Lastly, there’s confusion in the Church’s theology, particularly when death notices employ “*ascended into the journey of everlasting life.*” To *ascend* implies doing so by one’s own power. No assistance is required. The only person Who has ascended to heaven is the One Who is both human and divine: our Lord Jesus Christ. This is why we celebrate His *Ascension* forty days after Easter. Even our Blessed Mother Mary, the only human who thus far dwells with both body and soul in heaven, did not *ascend* there. She was *assumed* (assisted) into heaven by the Holy Trinity when her life ended. In fact, the Church never uses the terms, “*Mary died*” or “*the death of Mary.*” (The Orthodox use the beautiful phrase, “*Mary’s falling asleep.*”) Mary agreed to be the Mother of the Savior. By God’s design, she was the only human spared from original sin. Holy Mother Church defined the dogma that the Blessed Virgin, “*having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.*” (Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* of Venerable **Pope Pius XII**, Nov. 1, 1950) This is why we bless flowers and herbs on the **Feast of the Assumption**. According to sacred tradition, these fragrant signs of beauty and life were found at Our Lady’s empty tomb.

Yes, death is inescapable for each human. But we shouldn’t fear it, and should speak about it plainly. If our lives on earth have merited heaven, then we will attain the Kingdom (even if after a cleansing period in purgatory, which most of us will need). Then, at the end of time, our bodies will be taken up, assumed, like Our Lady, for the union of body and soul in “*the life of the world to come.*” (Nicene Creed) This is why the Assumption of Our Lady is our great hope. Where she has gone, we hope to follow.

VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS

1.+Edna Burns – daughter Patty. 1.+Piotr I Anna Majka – syn. 1. Zsp. Joseph & Frances Swist – daughter. 1.+Earl McKee – wife Lydia. 1.+Frank & Mary Falk – daughter & son-in-law. 1.+Felix & Catherine Misiaszek – son Peter & daughter-in-law. 1.+Phyllis Misiaszek – brother Peter & sister-in-law. 1.+Sister Josephine – Niece. 1.+St. Anne special blessings on grandchildren. 1. St. Anthony for a special favor. 1. +Joseph Misiaszek Peter & sister-in-law. 1. Zsp. Deceased members of Salamon & Marcinkiewicz families. 1. +Deceased members of Gut & Yurkunas family. 1.+Helen & Francis Ford – Pat. 1.+Rusty Nowak – wife & son. 1. Zsp. Jana Wasiuk – od zony z rodzina. 1. Thank you God, for prayers answered & continued blessings & good health – B.R. 1. God's blessing & continuing recovery for Eleanor – Charlie. 1.+Michael A. & Mary Wojnilowicz – son Michael. 1. Pray for world peace – Holy Rosary Sodality. 1. For a friend's health. 1.+Edward Ziobrowski – family. 1. For all members of the military – Rosary Sodality. 1. For an end to abortion – Rosary Sodality. 1. Health for our sick parishioners – Rosary Sodality. 1. For Priestly and Religious vocations – Rosary Sodality. 1.+Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. +Darryl Tyburski – love Mom, Dad, sister Betty & brothers Tom & Ray. 1.+Julia & Joseph Koziol – family. 1.+Edward Godek – wife Pat. 1. Health & God's blessings for Irene Orluk – Sophie. 1.+Nancy Szostek – Gloria Nowak. 1.+Kowalczyk family – family. 1. Zsp. Franciszke I Wojciecha Frydryk – Syn. 1.Zsp. Stella I Leo Pulaski – J.F. 1.Zsp. Anne I Michala Zbylot – J.F. 1.Zsp. Edna I Frank Pytka – J.F. 1. Zsp. John I Michael Boronski – J.F. 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler – J.F. 1. God's blessings & health for Christine – Virginia. 1. Healing for Susan B – LJF. 1. Rest in peace Michael – LJF. 1. Health & God's blessing for daughter & family. 1. St. Jude pray for my family – G.N. 1. Thank God for favor received. 1. For a blessed, holy, healthy feast day for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. +Henrietta Smigiel – L.R.. 1. For Fathers Marek, Peter & Charles & Bro. Dennis as they begin their new assignments – L.R.. 1. For peace, healing & love for Hayles Cain – L.R.. 1. In thanksgiving for their love & caring & generosity for the Emens for Haylee – L.R.. 1. For healing for Marcin Lech – L.R.. 1. God's blessings & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. God's blessings, continued success & good health for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D.. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Frank & Soophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. Pat & Linda a miracle for Baby Ben. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Health & God's blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Jules E. Rivard, Jr. – Ernie &

Pearl Charland. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Helen & Tony Wielkiewicz – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Julia Gralenski Ledjard Dynak – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Henrietta Smigiel – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Frank Zabawa – his wife . 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Zsp. 1. Zsp. Henrietta Smigiel – Emily Izyk. 1. Help us all overcome depression. 1. God’s blessings for full time employment. 1. +Frank Charwick – wife & sons. 1. God’s blessings & return to good health for Richard Charwick – Mom & Bruce & Frankie. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Sophie Mastalerz – daughter Ruth & grandchildren. 1. +Helen & Stanley Izyk – daughter, son-in-law & family. 1. +John Miarecki – wife. 1. Blessings for my grandson Vic – Grandma. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God’s blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. – M.P.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances. 1. +Linda Wilson – Alice Pietrewicz. 1. +Husband & son – love A. Pietrewicz. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1.+Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. Family health & God’s blessing.1. Jesus I Trust In You. 1. God’s blessings & good health for my granddaughter. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. Blessings & good health for Fred & Wanda on their **40th** anniv. – Chick & Connie. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. healing & strength. 1. Birthday blessings for Millie Jasak – Sally & family. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +John Ligus – wife Helen. 1. +Mary Zabek – V. Gilbert. 1. To Our Lady of Lourdes in thanksgiving. 1. Zsp. Mary Wojnilowicz,. **6th** anniv. – the Wostena family. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Z sp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. God’s blessings for recovery for Irene Pietryka – Tom & Jane. 1. +Victoria Alicki – nephew Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. +Victoria Alicki – niece Mary Conant. 1. God’s blessings & speedy recovery for Helen Ligus – Vera Borowik. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. God’s blessings & health for Josie Slozak – Pat Godek. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1.+Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Stella J.M. – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. Susan L.K. – S.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S.. 1. God’s blessings for a safe trip for my husband.

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Twinkies and Root Beer

By: Author Unknown

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer, and he started on his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase.

He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted. They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, yet they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave. Before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own home a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her neighbor was stunned by the look of peace on her face, and she asked, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But before her neighbor responded she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Will someone see God in your smile or kind deeds? Maybe they're not even looking for God, but may see Him in the kindness you show. Isn't that what we're here for? It might be a stranger, someone you work with, a family member or friend. Let them see God in you. Show His love in all you do today.