

Thanks for Mothers and Fathers

In these weeks of remembering the special gift of loving parents, we offer verses to commemorate Mothers and Fathers, especially those who raise their children in the love of the LORD. Mothers prayer text from www.christianliferesources.com. Fathers thanks written by Eleanore (Cares) Franzmann in 1989.

M Lord Jesus, Son of God above,
 You, too, have known a mother's love
 Mary the Virgin gave You birth,
 So You could serve us here on earth.

O Today we ask with all our heart,
 Lord Jesus, graciously impart
 Your boundless grace and loving care
 To faithful mothers everywhere.

M For letting Mom our teacher be;
 For precious truths learned at her knee;
 For all she's done throughout our days,
 Accept our thanks and endless praise.

S Keep motherhood from sin and shame,
 Make mothers worthy of the name.
 Let them be faithful, selfless, true,
 Living a love they've learned from You.

To mothers weary or distressed,
 Send comfort, help and needed rest.
 When they are tired and turn to You,
 Give them the strength their work to do.

Lord, keep them lips pure, undefiled,
 That form the language of the child.
 Guide mothers' footsteps, for they show
 The way that little feet should go.

All praise for mothers young and old
 Who live and serve within Your fold,
 Who pattern, as in days of yore,
 Their godly mothers, gone before.

Mothers are gifts from God above
 They teach us all of Jesus' love.
 Help us to thank them, Lord, we pray
 On this and every other day. Amen.

To you, Dad, I owe many thanks,
 For putting up with childhood pranks,
 For guiding me through reckless youth,
 Instilling in me love and truth.



For showing me that I must be
 Resourceful, working zealously
 With strength and courage at each task
 Which life for me may someday ask.

And thank you, Dad, for giving me
 The special opportunity
 To learn of Christ, my Savior dear,
 And always feel His presence near.

Whate'er the future holds for me,
 Joys, griefs, or war, or poverty,
 I'll walk with Jesus by my side,
 Always my Strength and faithful Guide.

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Pray, Praise and Give Thanks



Praise our Father in heaven for continuing to send souls to the Center who are open to the life-changing message that can be heard inside its walls. Pray for hearts on fire, willing to spend some precious hours in this service to the LORD.

Special thanks and praise for our supporting congregations south of I-94 who sponsored a separate January 22 ad in the Jefferson County Union that commemorated the tragic Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationwide, and encouraged readers to contact the Alpha Center for information and help. These pro-life hearts not only paid for this ad, but also had extra left to make a donation to the work of the Alpha Center. Bless your hearts!

We are also thankful for gifts given to the ministry. It is our goal to use these offerings in ways that both please God and benefit our visitors' earthly needs:

- In memory of **R. Berner** by Beth Kietzmann
- In memory of **Richard White** by Beth & Terry Lundsten
- In memory of **Wilmer Suhr** by Jim & Kim Winters
- In memory of **Charles Quest** by Mike & Kris Quest, Erv & Gloria Huebner, Jim & Kimara Winters
- In memory of **Peter Rohlf**s by wife Doris
- In memory of **Walter Fenz** by Susan Smithson
- In memory of **Hilbert Eppler** by Erv & Glo Huebner
- In memory of **Richard White** by Beth Kietzmann
- In memory of **Elwin Auchtung & Evelyn Nehls** by Owen & Christine Breikreutz
- In memory of **Larry Wegner** by Erv & Glo Huebner
- In memory of **Sandy Parpart** by sister-in-law Linda Parpart
- In honor of **Ruth Lindlauf's 90th birthday** by Rev. & Mrs. Martin Stuebs
- In honor of **Wendy & Dan Watrud** by Linda & Harriet Parpart
- In honor of **Kay Jaeger's 80th birthday** by Albin Jaeger and by M/M Gus Kalfahs
- In honor of **Harvey & Ruth Bohlman's 50th wedding anniversary** by Erv & Gloria Huebner
- To honor **birthdays of Marion Nell & Connie Wilson** by Linda Berg
- In honor of **Ralph & Ruth Christian's 50th wedding anniversary** by Rev. Dick & Carol Pagels
- We give thanks for the 194 people who crossed our threshold Jan-Mar 2007...the 115 who received Christian counseling...the 62 souls who were witnessed to with Law and Gospel...the 15 times Bibles were accepted...the known birth, 3 baptisms and the 30 referrals to area WELS pastors. Our helpline also fielded 45 calls for assistance. The Lord is using Alpha to His glory!



Alpha Center Wish List

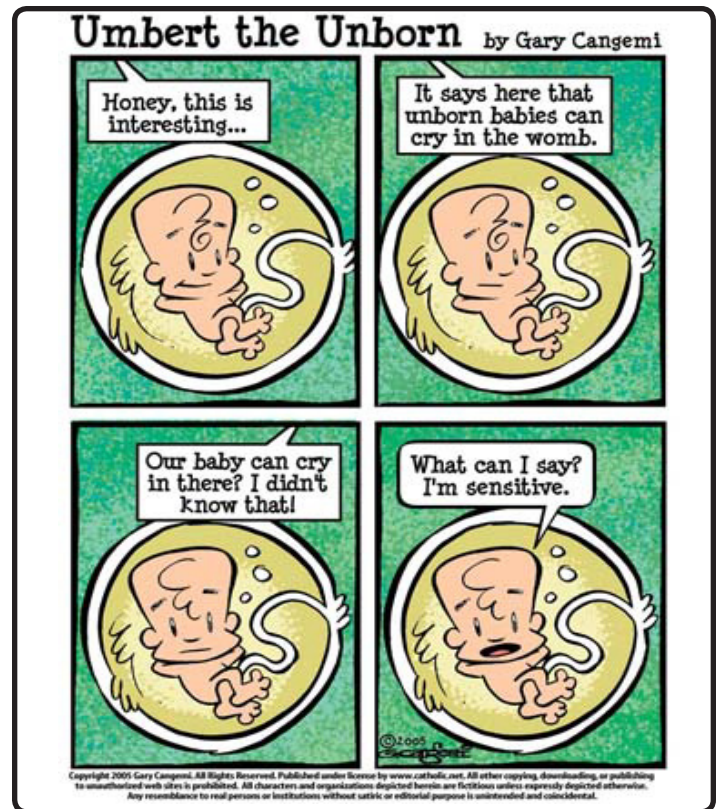
- full-size crib and bassinet sheets
- car seats for up to 40 lbs. or boosters
- used playpens (ideal: pack & carry)
- new or clean toddler-sized socks
- good used vacuum cleaner (for office)
- CD player "boombox-type" (for office)
- AA & AAA batteries (for used baby eqpt.)
- paper towels, boxes of tissues, toilet paper (ofc)



Groups are encouraged to assemble layette packs as gifts to the Center to be given out to new mothers. Content lists for the layettes are available by phone or e-mail request!

Donations of any new or clean, gently used baby clothing or maternity clothing or other baby items and equipment are always welcome and can be dropped off at the center during our office hours.

Any questions, contact Nancy Schmitz at 920-253-8984.



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Bush Promises Vetoes on Abortion Issue

President Bush informed Congressional leaders May 3 of his intention to veto any legislation that weakened federal pro-life policies or existing laws against federal funding of abortion.

Bush advised House speaker, Nancy Pelosi, and Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, in identical two-page letters of his veto threat: "I will veto any legislation that weakens current Federal policies and laws on abortion, or that encourages the destruction of human life at any stage."

Bush said his veto threat extends to legislation concerning current law, such as the Hyde Amendment, which restricts federal funding on abortions in both domestic and international situations. He further threatened a veto on any modification to his Mexico City Policy, banning taxpayer monies to fund groups that promote or perform abortions overseas.

Tony Fratto, a White House spokesman, stated, "The president felt that it was important to remind Congress of his position on these issues. It's not about vetoing, it's about standing firm on his core beliefs."



Early Pregnancy Test Causes Concern Over Possible Sex-Selection Abortions

(May 7) A new home test available on the Internet reportedly can determine an unborn child's gender only six weeks into pregnancy. It detects the baby's sex much

earlier than standard ultrasound tests which are normally performed at about 20 weeks. Bioethicist Wesley J. Smith warns its primary purpose appears to enable women to receive early sex-selection abortions.

"If you want a boy, and it's a girl — or probably less frequently, the other way around — then there is plenty of time to have a eugenic abortion and start again," Smith wrote his weblog at bioethics.com. "We apparently are moving into an era in which we not only have a right to have a child but to have the child we want. All that seems to matter any more is, 'I want.'"

The Early Gender Test, manufactured by DNA Worldwide, checks the mother's blood for Y-chromosomes to determine that the child is a boy. The test went on sale for about \$375, according to the British newspaper, The Mail.

MN Governor Signs Emergency Contraception (EC) Measure for Rape Victims Into Law

(May 10) Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty Friday signed into law a measure requiring hospitals to offer rape victims emergency contraception (EC). The law also allows hospitals to test rape victims for pregnancy.

The Senate last month voted unanimously to pass the Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims Act, and the House voted May 1 on a 105-27 vote in favor of the measure.

Lawmakers from neighboring Wisconsin are considering a similar proposal this year. In addition, the Connecticut state legislature approved a bill last week that would require all hospitals to provide EC to rape victims. That measure is expected to be signed into law.


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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES THAT KEEP ME HERE

Kimara Winters, Center Director

I've been volunteering with Alpha almost 10 years as a counselor. Often when I give presentations about the Alpha ministry, I share that if I had to give up all save one volunteering opportunity, I would stay with the Center. This is not to say there aren't serious challenges and frustrations in the work at Alpha (or wonderful opportunities elsewhere!), but the frequency with which I get to witness to the Lord's power and love at the Center is the next best thing to being able to raise my own children to know and love their Lord.

As if that weren't enough, there are the memories. Thank you for your support of this ministry—whether it be with your prayers, your time or your donations—that make it possible for the Center to continue to be available to those in need. The faces I've met tally in the thousands, the arms I've been blessed to fill with clothing and supplies number in the hundreds, the souls that have opened up to me in the counseling room are too precious to count. And then there are the four people that I think about every day.

Choices & Consequences, part 1

Jane walked in one day several years ago and opened her heart to me. This was a heart filled with shame, fear, anger and frustration as she struggled with a pregnancy stemming from an affair with a married man. She didn't want to deal with the reaction from those around her (including her church), the accusations of becoming purposefully pregnant to break up his marriage, the disrespect from her other already teenage children, the struggles of raising a child as a single mom. The hurdles were high and breath-takingly many.

Jane knew her sin. She knew her Savior. She also knew there was a little life inside her. She and I talked about falling short of God's expectations, about repentance and unending forgiveness. She spoke of abortion, how the man was expecting her to end the pregnancy, and how she expected to look at strollers and cry were she would go through with it. I listened a long time, I sympathized, I reminded, I shared what I knew. I prayed the Lord would guide her choices.

The next time I heard from her was a phone call from Meriter Hospital. She asked me to repeat why it wouldn't be OK to solve her problems with an abortion, especially since the chaplains there had reassured her that forgiveness is what God is all about. She should not worry about the abor-

tion—that God has given us the ability and the freedom to make choices, and that if she felt guilty about it, to remember that God had already forgiven her. *What?!?*

I'm not sure I've ever felt such adrenaline than when I realized this baby's life was on the line right then and there. All I could do was ask her to come back and talk again before she made a decision. I prayed with her and for her. I knew Jane's heart ached. I knew the Lord was whispering in her ear; she just needed to listen. I prayed she would remember the passage in I Corinthians chapter 10 that says "God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." She, like all of us, had ignored these words and gone her own way. Now the Lord was calling her back. I knew this was not in my hands. I was merely a witness.

Jane came back to the Center. And came back. And came back again. We became sisters for a time in an experience that tried the boundaries of sin and grace, of judgment and compassion, of choice and consequence.

During the last months of her pregnancy, my dad's cancer had returned with a vengeance. I often hope I didn't seem as distracted as I surely was during my time at the Center during those weeks. Two days after Dad died, a sweet new life was born into Jane's life, and two lives and a time were forever etched into my memory.



part 2 of "Choices &" coming next newsletter



Stand True Ministries

The Alpha Center was recently blessed by the efforts of a young woman from Fort Atkinson who was moved to organize a donations drive under the auspices of a national event called the "National Mothers Day Baby Shower Project," sponsored by Stand True Ministries. Self-proclaimed "Christ-centered pro-life," this organization is under the same leadership that organized "Rock for Life," a pro-life rock music solidarity, over a decade ago.

Stand True's mission statement reads: "We exist first and foremost to glorify God. Through the grace of God, we stand for the protection of human life from the moment of fertilization to natural death. Abortion is the act of killing a human person and it is always wrong without exceptions. We are committed to establishing a culture of life, and bringing light to a generation covered by darkness. We believe that the only true way to end abortion is to turn hearts to Christ. Though it is important for the unjust laws to change, we must first turn the hearts of our nation. We are committed to educate, equip and activate young people to stand up and be a voice for their generation. Until the silent cries of innocent children are finally heard, we will raise our voices, shine our lights, we will Stand True." (see next page for website info)

National Mothers Day Baby Shower Project

Stand True says: "The National Mother's Day Baby Shower is designed to raise much needed resources for crisis pregnancy centers and homes for unwed mothers. It is our desire to collect diapers, blankets, formula and other much needed items for these centers to be used for women in need. Can you give up one night out to buy a package of diapers? Can you skip one lunch to make a donation that could help save a baby's life?"

Missy from Fort, along with the seven churches that climbed on board with her, raised almost \$500 in monetary donations & gift certificates for the Center, along with an estimated \$1,500 in material donations, including 25+ packs of diapers, 30+ wipes, 100+ bottles of hygiene items, 100+ pair of baby socks, 50+ blankets and so many other items! The dozens of women and children who will receive these blessings are twice blessed, in that in addition to seeing some physical needs met, they will have the opportunity to hear about the most wonderful gift of all—Jesus! Thank you, Missy!

~ YOUR TURN TO BREATHE ~ READER SUBMISSIONS

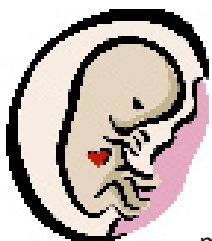
Lauren Teeter , 7th grade, St. John Jefferson

Diary of an Embryo

6 weeks: Mom, for the first time today I thought I recognized your voice. It makes me giggle, and it makes me feel a fast thumping noise inside of me. I am not sure what that is, but it makes feel happy. The happier I am the faster the beat is. My little toes tap to the beat of the music.

7 weeks: I wish you could see how I am growing inside of you. I may not look like a person quite yet but I am God's child and a living human being on the inside.

8 weeks: I am excited to have you feel me grow inside of you. When you are sad I am sad. When you are scared I am scared. I feel that you are worried. Why are you worried? God will keep us safe.



I heard a deep voice. Someone said you might not want to have me. You might be scared, but it will be okay. Let me show you how to be a good mother. I want a chance to make

you proud of me; I will love you like no one has ever loved you before. I want to be a part of the family. God wants us to be a family. God will take care of us. Can you hear me mommy?

If you let me die, you will have sadness forever. You will miss the chance to hear me cry, laugh, and smile. You will also not be able to watch me grow, learn new things, and celebrate sacraments. There will be no birthdays, celebrations, weddings, or grandchildren. You will feel empty inside. Can you hear me, mommy?

20 weeks: I am moving, sucking my thumb, sleeping and listening to you. I feel you rub my tummy, and it feels good.

36 weeks: I feel something pulling me. I see light. I again hear your voice and your smile. I now know you made the right decision and you chose to give me life and to listen to God.

God and I are proud of you. I trust you will be a good mother to me. Thanks for hearing me, mommy.

FOCUS ON *TEENS*

Chastity the new cool?

Sometimes it seems we in the pro-life movement are so used to bad news we forget to celebrate good news when it's there. According to reports by official government statistics, teen sexual activity has decreased dramatically in the US over the past decade, and the drop is being linked to the growing use of abstinence programs in schools. (2004 report from the Center for Disease Control entitled "Teenagers in the United States: Sexual Activity, Contraceptive Use, and Childbearing, 2002"). What wonderful news—teens seem to be getting the message and many are making smart, healthy, God-pleasing choices for their future.

And we are all in favor of a little celebration! So, how to celebrate? How about by recognizing that teens continue to need help in remaining steadfast in these good decisions; can we make some fun and celebratory resources for teens in their efforts? Can we help them in their movement toward chastity as the new cool? As important, can we make secondary virginity an inviting option for those teens who have already experienced sexual activity?

Stan Weed, Director of the Institute for Research and Evaluation has conducted research on abstinence education programs for more than ten years. In a 1999 survey among sexually active youth, one of the questions was to review 14 topics related to sexuality and to list them in order of which were most important to learn about. The results found that the second most important topic to these sexually active youth was "how to build good relationships that are not based on sex." The first

ranked topic was "how to change my life if I started down the wrong path sexually."

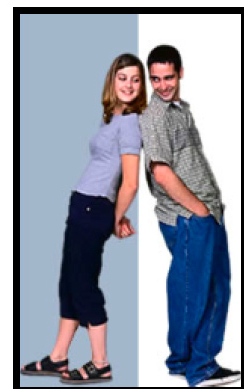
The Alpha Center made an effort toward this last fall in its "To Live is to Share" project, when we assembled backpacks designed for teen couples who commit themselves to staying pure (or returning to chastity) until marriage. The backpack project involved a custom brochure (pictured on this page) that lists 40 ideas teens can choose from for local date activities. The pack is filled with props and resources that they can use to try some of the ideas.

We invite youth group organizers to request a speaker from Alpha for a youth night. A fun, light talk that presents the "new cool" is available, and backpacks can be left with the youth group leader (free of charge of course!) for appropriate distribution. Is your church or other youth group interested in encouraging this new cool? Let us know! E-mail alpha@core.com with questions or comments.

WHAT'S THERE TO DO ON A DATE AROUND HERE?

aka

How to Survive Teenage Dating without Hand-checks



World Wide Web Watch



Life "sitings" for all you surfers
out there...

Our National affiliate has developed a site for Spanish speakers:
www.GuiaParaVivir.com

For more on the Christ-centered ministries discussed on page five:
www.standtrue.com
www.rockforlife.org

Wisconsin Right to Life's version of a fetal development diary:
www.wrtl.org/women_dev.htm

Alpha Life Resource Center, Tri-Co. Chapter

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 15, 2007

St. Mark's Parish Center

615 Jones St. • Watertown

Come for lunch ~tasty hot sandwiches and sides~

but come twice for dessert...

the best ice cream, homemade pies and tortes!

Something for every taste!



Your continued support of our Center is vital to our ministry.

10 AM-1 PM

**Thank you!
Enjoy the Fellowship!
Support the Effort!
Pray for God's Blessings!**





Ice Cream Social • Sunday July 15

Our famous annual Ice Cream Social luncheon that provides over 400 of you a super opportunity to fellowship and support our ministry cannot be beat. Join us in St. Mark's Watertown Parish Center from 10-1 PM for lunch, and more importantly, dessert!

Pernat's Brats • Sat, Aug. 11, 9-1 PM

Pernat's and the stand we'll be selling lunch from is located on the corner of Hwy 26 & Hwy B in Johnson Creek. Plan a trip to Creek for lunch that day. Pray for cooperative weather!

Banquet & Auction • Sat, Oct. 13 4 PM

What a fabulous time we had last year. Mark your calendar now, talk to your friends about getting in on a table to have a delicious dinner, outstanding entertainment, and a chance to browse some wonderful auction items. What a super way to kick off your holiday shopping~Held at Luther Prep Auditorium in Watertown. Details to come!