

When God Created Mothers

by Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow..."

"I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough," said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

Dedicated to ALL the types of mothers out there....

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Airman 1st Class Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Kelnhofer
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .

Francis Melson

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* in 2015 will be **June 12-14, August 7-9 or October 9-11** at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call **Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778** or contact them at <http://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2015 will be **June 27/28** at **St. Julie Billiart Parish**; 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, **July 25/26** at **Holy Family Parish**; 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness and **August 1/2** at **Mary Queen of Heaven Parish**, 426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst. To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

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MASSSES:

M-W-TH-F

7:30 AM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

7:30 & 10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

Mon.	5/11	7:30 AM	Deceased Mothers of the Tonner Family by Phyllis & Bob Tonner
Tue.	5/12	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/13	7:30 AM	M/M Hyun Bok & Maria Philsun Song by the Song Family
Thur.	5/14	7:30 AM	Robert Lang by David & Eileen Rogers
Fri.	5/15	7:30 AM	Deceased Mothers of the Ringle & Gross Families by Phyllis & Bob Tonner
Sat.	5/16	5:00 PM	Janyce Brown Anniversary Remembrance by Ken & Evelyn Brown
Sun.	5/17	7:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		9:00 AM	Matthew Kafer Birthday Remembrance by Jean & Ty Herron
		10:30 AM	Florence & Leonard Nagele by the Kidwell Family

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering May 2/3, 2015:	\$ 2,536.59
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (663.41)

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 137,660.00

Offering at St. Joseph's, May 3, 2015:	
Sunday:	\$ 330.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Solemnity of the Ascension
Mark 16:15-20
"Go into the whole world!"

- How, by words and example, can I proclaim the Gospel in Watseka and Crescent City?
- What "signs" have I been empowered to do in Jesus' name?
- How can I invite the Lord into my life so that he might work with me?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have completed your work of redemption and have returned in glory to your Father and my Father. Plead for me at his right hand and empower me to do the work you have called me to do Amen! Alleluia!

MAY CROWNING
 St. Edmund & St. Joseph

This weekend we honor all Mothers, but especially the MOTHER OF GOD. Mary was instrumental in bringing Jesus to the world when she gave birth to Him. Jesus is pleased with a people who honor his Mother.

Margaret Ochs, St. Edmund CCW's *Woman of the Year*, has the honor of placing the crown on Mary at today's 10:30 Mass.

Angela Taylor, St. Joseph CCW's *Woman of the Year*, has the honor of placing the crown on Mary at today's 9:00 Mass.

Baptized at St. Joseph's last weekend was Gabriel Thomas Regnier, son of Dustin and Kimberly (Martin) Regnier and grandson of Tom and Pam Martin.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

May 16/17	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	RaDonna Hasselbring	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	Katie & Justin McTaggart	Wyatt Claire	Landon & Trenton Hemp
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Julie Schippert	Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	Helen Bruens Louise Bruens Jan Dillman Bernadine Buswell	M/M Ira Claire M/M Jim LaFond	M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn Julie Arseneau & Cole

From the desk of Patti Duffy...

St. Edmund's 2014-2015 year of Religious Education is complete. THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFULLY DEDICATED VOLUNTEER TEACHERS, AIDES OUTSIDE SUPERVISOR and SUBS who gave so generously of their time.

We had a very successful year. THANK YOU to the parents for making sure their children regularly attended class.

A special THANK YOU, also, to our KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for once again generously providing Monical's Pizza as a special end-of-the-year treat for all classes...the kids really look forward to it!

Yea Team!

Congratulations to Patti Duffy, our Religious Education Coordinator, and to all the wonderful teams of our catechists. They have done a wonderful job in helping our young parishioners grow in knowledge of and love for our faith. Enjoy your summer and, as the old song goes..."See you in September!"

Thanks and blessings,
Fr. Mike

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to **Miss Natalie Castonguay**, this year's recipient of our St. Edmund CCW Scholarship.

The Knights of Columbus decided to give out 3 scholarships this year, so congratulations to **Miss Samantha Gooding**, **Miss Katelyn McTaggart** and **Miss Katlyn Post**, this year's recipients of the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Council # 4391 Scholarship.

It is always a difficult decision to make when there are a number of deserving and needful applicants, but this year's recipients are a shining example of how dedicated and faith-filled our youth are to their Church and their community. Your Church family is very proud of all of you!

REMINDERS...

- St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will have their next Euchre Party on Thursday, May 14, at 1 p.m. at the Parish Center.
- The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

The **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be held on **Sunday, August 30th** at **2 p.m.** at the **Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet**. Any couple who is celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year and would like to receive a formal invitation from the Diocese to the Anniversary Mass, please call the rectory and let Colette know by June 19th. Thank you.