

# New Ulm Renewal of Pentecost Newsletter

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## Man who carried cross across America to speak at Family Bible Camp



Jim has a varied employment background. He has worked as an undersea salvage diver, prospected in Alaska, did archaeological research in Central America, played in a band, has done auto repairs as well as a charter boat operator, and construction. On one occasion he served as a body guard for Mother Theresa. He has been a guest on EWTN, 700 club, plus many radio and television programs.

While still a senior in high school, Jim made a decision to surrender the rest of his life to Jesus Christ. That decision has had a major impact on every aspect of Jim's life.

Jim has worked in the Catholic Church in many capacities. He has been involved with youth ministry on parish, diocesan, national and international levels. He is currently a consultant to the National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is also a member of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service, whose offices are located at the Vatican, in Rome.

Last but not least, Jim is married to Susan. They live in Western Michigan near Lake Michigan with their son John Patrick.

*See info on page 3 regarding details of the camp.*

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*“Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the  
beginning, is now and  
will be forever, Amen.”*

Inspired by the American Bishops' letter Heritage and Hope, Jim Murphy, pictured here, undertook a 4200 mile journey on foot across America, carrying a 6 ft. wooden cross in an effort of prayer and evangelization. The journey took 18 months and 14 pair of shoes!

Mr. Murphy will be the keynote speaker for the 2011 Catholic Family Bible Camp that will be held August 5-7 at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Sleepy Eye.

Jim was born in 1952 in Wyandotte, Michigan. He attended twelve years of Catholic school and four years of college, graduating with a degree in Social Work from Wayne State University.

## Newsletter by Email

We are looking for email addresses. If you have one and would like to get this newsletter via email, please email your address to me. We will continue to mail out the newsletter to those who do not have an email, but emailing would save us so much postage cost, so please help us out. Send e-mail addresses to [janiceecrowe@gmail.com](mailto:janiceecrowe@gmail.com)

## CONTACT PERSONS for the CHARISMATIC RENEWAL/THE RENEWAL OF PENTECOST

We are continuing to look for people to promote and communicate Charismatic Renewal/The Renewal of Pentecost events to the folks in the parishes. We faithfully send all our information to the parishes, but we need to actively participate in getting the word out there by submitting bulletin announcements and spreading the word to those who would like to become a part of this ministry. Would you be willing to be that person? Call Jan at 320-275-2424 or email her at [janiceecrowe@gmail.com](mailto:janiceecrowe@gmail.com)

## FAMILY CAMP A TIME TO CREATE MEMORIES By Jan Crowe

Why would anyone want to spend a family weekend at a Catholic Camp? Mom and Dad, what better way to inspire your children to learn Catholic values in relaxed surroundings. Catholic Family Bible Camp will be one of their best memories, even if their memory was getting sick. My girls still talk about the time they got the flu at camp, but they also talk about the small classes where they made a special art designs to show and tell at Sunday Mass. They talk about swimming and the bonfire with smores and the skit they acted out about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Shake the bed, make the bed and to bed we go was their lingo! They talk about the friends they made at camp. One little boy that our son David played with at camp is now a diocesan priest. David is very happy to have known him as a young person.

The New Ulm Diocesan Catholic Family Bible Camp has had thirty year history in this diocese. This camp is not new, but this year we are gathering at a new site. Catholic Camp will be held at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye August 5, 6, & 7. Camp will begin at 5 pm on Friday and end at noon on Sunday. We will have activites for the very young people, a youth group and adult sessions. There will be lots of free time for swimming and family fun. The food at Schoenstatt is to die for, absolutely wonderful food. The retreat

### *Camp, continued.*

center is peaceful, calm and very Holy Spirit filled. The Sisters at Schoenstatt are sweet and accommodating.

There are sleeping rooms in the Retreat center but also there are electrical hookups for campers. We are encouraging everyone to eat together in family style, however meals are priced individually so you can choose which meals you would eat with the group.

Jim Murphy will be one of the best things at camp this year. He will get our attention and hold it. Jim was at camp in 1993. At dinner one night at that camp, Jim told Tom and I the story of when he was walking across the U.S. One night in the desert, he felt he was not walking alone. When looking down at his side, he saw two babies walking with him. Soon there were thirty, hundreds, then thousands. The message he got was "pray that we ask God for mercy for our perpetrators, rather than justice." That should be our prayer too. They then returned to heaven like beams of light flying off like popcorn up into the night. Jim never told this story to the group when he was at Camp in 1993, but I wish he would have.

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Enjoy the great outdoors, fellowship with other families, prayer and reflection, and fun activities for the kids.



**August 5-7, 2011**

Schoenstatt Retreat Center  
940 NW Prescott  
Sleepy Eye, MN

Keynote Speaker: Jim Murphy  
Adults: \$140  
Students: \$135

Children under 4 are free

Cost includes two nights inside the retreat center and five meals. Receive \$5 off registration if you bring your own sheets, pillow case and towels. Camping hookups or tenting requires a \$20 fee and meals are available for those wishing to camp outside. Meals range in price from \$4-\$7 each

For more information and to register, email Kim at [kmlevinski@gmail.com](mailto:kmlevinski@gmail.com)  
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## Reflections on the Life in the Spirit Seminar

By Ann Przybilla

This past April, I took part in a Life in the Spirit Seminar that was coordinated by the diocesan Renewal of Pentecost/Charismatic Renewal group. Although I have attended a few other charismatic functions before, this was the first seminar of this kind that I attended.

In addition to music, fellowship, Mass and the Sacrament of Penance, participants took part in listening to a variety of witness talks given by people who are involved in the diocesan Renewal in the Spirit group.

Among many remarkable presentations, Sr. Justin Wirth did a fantastic job of offering her thoughts on God's love and Salvation. She spoke about her own growth and transformation from knowing about Jesus, to knowing Jesus as the Son of the living God. As she spoke, I kept thinking about how often ministry in the church involves teaching others about Jesus. Those fundamental teaching serve the purpose of creating fertile soil of what should become a much deeper understanding of Jesus as our Lord and redeemer. In Sr. Justin's words; "You can know a lot about someone, but not really know them." This thought has stuck with me ever since, and serves as a reminder of what is truly important in raising children, passing on the faith, and working in the church as a lay minister.

I found the small group sharing to be beneficial. Growth occurs when we are able to find trustworthy friends that can give us feedback in living out our faith. Through this faith sharing, I learned that many of us have the same struggles and temptations in life. Through faith sharing in small groups, we are better able to face these challenges.

There was a time during the seminar that participants were prayed over. It was during this time that I heard some people speaking in Greek, as well as many other utterances that didn't make sense to me. I had a true sense of the goodness of God working in and through the seminar participants. Knowing that the Spirit gives gifts differently to each one of us, I was not uncomfortable praying with those who have the gift of speaking in tongues.

I wondered why these charismatic people did not show this gift of speaking in tongues during the Mass, or at other times of prayer. Why only during praying over someone? I didn't realize that charismatics could choose to turn the gift on or off, such as in a larger group context. Jan Crowe, the diocesan liaison of the Renewal of Pentecost/Charismatic Renewal noted that those who have the gift don't flaunt it. They don't want to make people uncomfortable during Mass. Another seminar participant said; "It's not for show. The best way to describe it is that it is a love language."

I came to the seminar not knowing what to expect, other than to lead the group in sung prayer. I left not regretting the time spent with the group, and thinking, "I'm okay! I may not be perfect, but I'm okay and God loves me." The only regret that I have about the seminar is that more people were not there to participate and grow as I did. I encourage anyone who has never taken part in a charismatic gathering to take advantage of the upcoming Bible Camp and other events that will be taking place in the future. The Spirit has bestowed specific gifts upon each and every one of us to use for the glory of God. Let's do what we can to strengthen those gifts.



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