

# Claver Jesuit Ministry

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## Healthy Fun Food Fitness Fest Success

Thanks to the energetic leadership of Tim Hipskind and an outstanding coordinating committee, the second Healthy Fun Food and Fitness Fest was an event to celebrate. The booths, demonstrations, food, samples, and games attracted people

**Left: Tim Hipskind gives directions to a group of volunteers from Xavier University.**

**Below: Jim Hasse spent the entire time doing face painting, much to the delight of his subjects.**

from the Winton Hills area surrounding Mother of Christ parish, and also from the communities served by the Working in Neighborhoods organization. In addition to Tim's work, the other members of the Claver Jesuit Community also helped out. Jim Hasse was busy doing face painting for four solid hours. Mike O'Grady staffed the bottled water distribution. Lou Lipps baked peach cobbler. Joe Folzenlogen served as official photographer. The fest had its origin in the health issues generated by industrial pollution and landfills. Because the risks are greater, residents need to learn more ways of caring for their own health. A variety of booths allowed health organizations to showcase the assistance they could provide. There were demonstrations of Tai Chi, Reiki, and Healing Touch. Samples of good-tasting healthy food were available along with recipes on how to prepare these versions of traditional African-American dishes. In the evening there was a new set of games set up in the parking lot and also entertainment under the big tent set up on the parish grounds. Tap dancing, Christian rap, and aerobic dancing were among the offerings. Appreciation and praise have been pouring in since the event. Attendance was at least three times higher than it was two years ago. Tim Hipskind was very enthusiastic about the team spirit that had developed among the committee members.

## Unity in the Community Brings Neighborhood Churches Together

Residents in the local communities need to support each other spiritually as well as physically. One step in that direction was the joint worship service held on the Sunday morning after the Healthy Fun Food and Fitness Fest. The same tent that was the scene of the entertainment the previous evening was once again filled with song and dance. This time the focus was very explicitly on praising God.

Parishioners of Mother of Christ Catholic Church and Winton Hills Community Church came together to pray. Each of the choirs sang, and the congregation joined in enthusiastically. The praise dancers from Mother of Christ moved some people to tears with the beauty of their prayer in motion. Reverend Chip Hall, pastor of the Community Church, Fr. Jim Shappelle, pastor of Mother of Christ, and Jesuit Fr. Tim



Hipskind of Communities United for Action preached brief sermons on the readings.

All the seats were filled, and people were standing in the back. More important than numbers was the spirit evident in those who participated. The high enthusiasm was reflected in the applause after each of the homilies, the energy of the singing, and the general feeling of joy and

goodwill. On a very practical level, many people pitched in to help clean up afterwards.

Several Jesuits from Xavier University came for the worship service including two of the men from Columbia. Members of those communities also came to the Healthy Fun Food and Fitness Fest the afternoon before. Several parishioners of St. Xavier Church also helped.

## Jim Hasse Paintings Receive National Attention, Go Online

Jim Hasse's art work has always been appreciated by the ministries and communities Jim has worked in. Recently, however, Jim has received some national recognition and is starting to share his talent worldwide through the internet.

This summer St. Louis University had an exhibit of Jesuit artists. Once he was selected to exhibit, Jim was busy crating several of his paintings and driving them to St. Louis to help hang them and to be part of the artists' reception.

Then the Josephites made Jim the featured artist for their 2004 calendar. Jim's paintings grace the front and back covers and accompany nine of the twelve months.

At the suggestion of Fr. Clarence Williams, Jim has written meditations to go with a selection of his paintings. He teamed up with Joe Folzenlogen to create an online prayer gallery. It can be reached from a link on the home page for the Claver Jesuit Community website: [home.fuse.net/claver](http://home.fuse.net/claver).

The site also has a link to the write up the Josephite calendar did on Jim along with contact information for ordering copies. Jim plans to make regular additions to the online prayer gallery, so plan to stop by regularly.

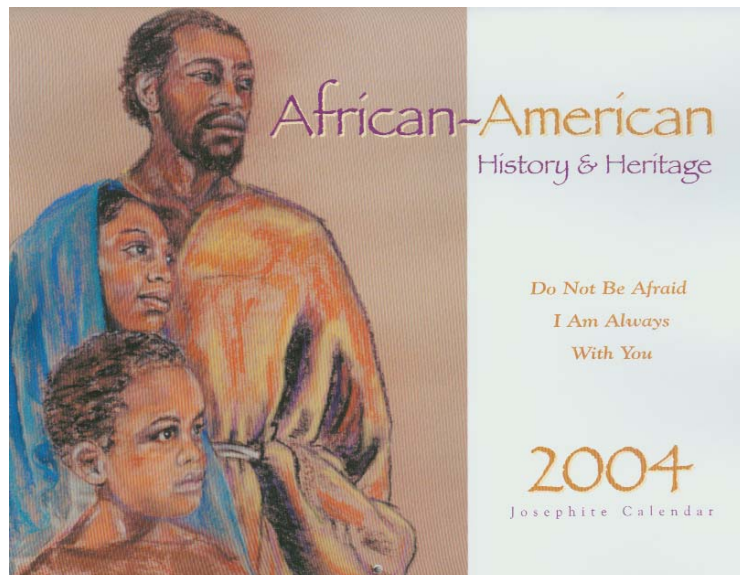
Jim's current art project is doing a mural of the resurrection on the back doors of Mother of Christ Church. He is also going to serve as a consultant for a neighborhood mural project.



**Lou Lipps gives directions during a planting session in Mike O'Grady's garden.**



**Br. Mike O'Grady slices a cake at a birthday party he arranged for two of the children from the neighborhood. This year Mike is taking a theology course at Xavier University each semester while continuing on the board of Working in Neighborhoods and working with volunteers.**



**Fr. Jim Hasse's paintings are featured on the front and back covers and for nine of the twelve months for the Josephite calendar for 2004.**

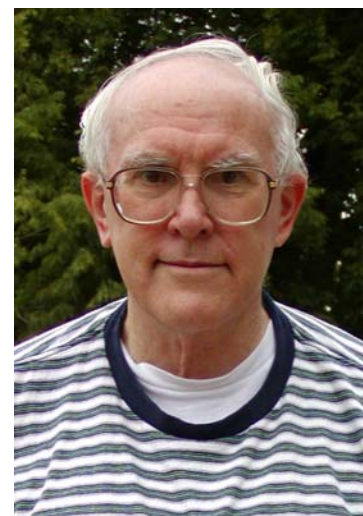
## Lou Lipps Out Of Jail, Trying Hard to Get Back In Soon

One of Lou Lipps' many ministries is visiting the inmates of the juvenile detention center on Auburn Avenue across from The Christ Hospital. This summer Lou ran into one of those bureaucratic procedures that periodically get in the way. Despite doing this min-

istry the last couple of years, Lou has to reapply for the authorization to enter the jail. The director of the program assures Lou this is a routine step, but Lou is anxious to get the OK to resume his visits. Meanwhile he continues his spiritual direction ministry, has traveled around the area over the summer giving several retreats, and he celebrates liturgy at local parishes and convents. At 82, Lou is hard to keep up with.

## Joe Folzenlogen Learning Area

As the newest member of the Claver Jesuit Community and Ministry, Joe Folzenlogen has a lot to learn. So he has been tagging along with Tim Hipskind as he visited folks in the neighborhood. He has started celebrating Eucharist in some of the surrounding parishes. He has been to deanery and archdiocesan meetings. He is starting some volunteer work with the local community organization. He is using his photographic and computer skills in the service of both community members and local ministries. Joe likes to use the image of putting a puzzle together. The only catch is that all the pieces do not come in one box. It is necessary to find the boxes to get the pieces.



**Joe Folzenlogen has the tables turned when one of the neighborhood children snaps his picture.**