

### **'Call to Prayer' on August 3**

The Delhi Clergy Association invites you to 'Call to Prayer' next Sunday, August 3, from 6 to 7:30 pm at SUNY Delhi Farrell Hall.

This is a unified effort to bring people of faith together from all over Delaware County in order to praise God in thanksgiving for all that has been done for us and encourage prayer for one another, our county, our students and educators.

### **Marriage Moments** by Susan Vogt

*The Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant ... finding a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.* Matthew 13

Your spouse is like that pearl. Do not let work, projects, hobbies, or even your children bump them from first place -- it's priceless.

### **Catholic Homeschool Conference**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary New York Homeschool and Parent Conference will be held at Mercy College, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry next Friday, August 1, from 2 to 8 pm and Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Admission is free and pre-registration not required. More details on their website: [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or call 540.636.1946.

### **Visits at Home, Care Facility, or Hospital**

Do you know a Catholic friend, neighbor, or relative, who is homebound, in the hospital, or nursing home? Please call the office to arrange for one of our ministers of the sick to bring Eucharist or just to visit for a spell.

## **Faith Formation**

**Early registration:** Stop in the office -- cost: \$15.

**Catechists are needed** at both Parishes for the upcoming year so please consider helping with our programs. Helpers are always welcome.

Don't forget to drop your deposit bottles in Father Willis Hall ~ all proceeds go toward the cost of the next March for Life trip!

## **Peace & Justice**

### **Pay Stubs**

Can you believe there is no federal regulation that requires employers to provide workers with pay stubs? Without pay stubs, workers won't know how their wages are calculated and what deductions are taken. It is estimated that as many as 20 million low-wage workers do not receive pay stubs, leaving them vulnerable to illegal deductions and unpaid wages.

A *Pay Stubs for All* regulation is a critical tool in the fight against wage theft. With a pay stub, workers can check if they are being paid all their earned wages and if deductions from their pay are legal. Too often, workers' pay is illegally whittled down by undercounting the hours worked, paying illegal wage rates, or taking unauthorized deductions. Without pay stubs for documentation, many workers say they have difficulty proving wage theft. The Department of Labor can issue a simple rule that could help address this problem.

With a *Pay Stubs for All* regulation, unscrupulous employers will think twice about stealing workers' wages, and employers who steal from workers will be reluctant to document how they underpay workers. Requiring *Pay Stubs for All* will be a significant deterrent to the rampant wage theft in many low-wage sectors.

If you agree that all workers have a right to their wage information, join us in asking Secretary Tom Perez to make *Pay Stubs for All* a priority! Interfaith Worker Justice

## **✠ Gospel Background ✠**

**Matthew 13:44-52** In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. The third parable that Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net: after the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so in the final judgment will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

The Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. It is possible that Jesus is instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching.