

You can learn things in the library. Carol Maley, our parish librarian, quoted a book about Pontius Pilate, who returned to Rome after condemning Christ and whose sister became a saint of the church.

Father Dave has donated some of his collection to the library, but Carol does not want to keep duplicate titles so maybe some of Father Dave's Good reads will be in the social hall to be given away. Take a look on the bookshelf in the social hall for these and other good reads.

Carol also likes to rotate the collection, culling out older titles and duplicates in favor of new books, then migrating the retired books to the social hall as free stuff. Books not adopted there make their way to St. Vincent de Paul .



Books Books Books

Your parish library has books on all manner of topics: on humor; aging; religious symbols; poetry; and many more, plus movies and music on DVDs and CDs. There are many books on Mary; there is a single book on Joseph. There are books on angels, catechism, and meditation titles. RCIA training materials, discussions of the future of the Church plus books on the faith, spirituality, and on family life, marriage, and child rearing round out the offerings.

Carol wants to know: What are the best hours of operation? Could those hours be expanded with more volunteers? Carol always appreciates the help. Some of the helpers were caught on camera. See their pictures on the Library's bulletin board.

Donations of books currently on the "to be acquired list" will enable the library to get the books most needed for the parish collection.

Materials vary in their due dates. DVDs should be kept only a week, but VHS titles can be kept for three weeks, as can books. Fines are a rarity. Returns can be placed in the Library Drop box located outside the Faith Formation Office. One can also place requests for books to be acquired by the library in that same Dropbox. See the sign in the religious education wing by the library door.

Carol would like to expand the children's books stacks.

In addition to organizing adult books via the Dewey Decimal System, special interest collections have unique tags-- children's books with blue dots and yellow for young adults. Biographies have a tag of their own. There is, for example, a section of the Chicken Soup for the Soul books all displayed together. So a quick visit will be rewarded with efficient displays and smart searches that will help you get in and out of the library with ease.

Presently, library hours are Wednesdays from noon to 7pm and Friday noon to 5 pm. Sunday hours are 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Carol got involved with running the Library last June, stepping into the shoes of earlier parish librarians, like Nancy Shaw. Carol asked Veronica if she could become the librarian, and Veronica encouraged her to take that service on.

Carol began with new title tags for all books. And, with the help Lloyd Sandell, Carol is continuing the transition from old style 3"x5" card catalogue entries to a searchable electronic database inventory of the titles. There will be a computer in the library to assist a person in rapidly finding any title in the library stacks.

Carol would very much like to expand the hours of service of the library and wants input as to which hours of operation would be best. If you can help make expanded hours a reality, that will benefit us all.

As you can see by the pictures displayed on the bulletin board in the library, many people took part in the destruction of the old fashioned card catalog and many more hands will be needed to maintain the new electronic catalogue keeping it current.

In these modern times, the program is populated with the titles and authors of the books and then that data is converted to an Excel spreadsheet which will be available for search from the computer in the library.

