

*PASTORAL GARDEN REPORT -- JULY 24, 2005*

One interesting, maybe unique, part of the Pastoral Garden is the labyrinth rosary with beads made of bowling balls. The total number of balls is that of a standard rosary, 59 - mostly black, for the Hail Mary's, and a few of color, for the Our Fathers. Although the idea of the labyrinth was mine, the physical acquisition of so many bowling balls goes to my dear friend and fellow parishioner, Edward Paczkowski. As an avid bowler - league bowling twice a week - and as an ardent supporter of the labyrinth scheme, he enthusiastically undertook gathering all the balls necessary for the project - and then some! Only a couple of the balls come from other sources.

We tell you this tale so that you might appreciate what an amazing, generous and wonderful gentleman Edward Paszkowski truly is. We continue to wish Ed a most happy and healthy 90th birthday!! And what will he be doing to celebrate this milestone? He's having a bowling party for relatives and friends - complete with refreshments, including birthday cake! When you see him at the OLR 10:30 Mass today, wish him well and above average scores!

The P.G. plum trees were loaded this year and we hope that they were shared/enjoyed by garden visitors. The two best, most prolific varieties, were Santa Rosa and Italian Prune (Fellenburg). The nectarines and peach are also loaded but will ripen a little later this summer. The fizzles of the year were the cherries - hardly any at all were available. The two apple trees have plenty of fruit set but we'll have to wait until fall for them to be ready. The delight and surprise of the flower field this year were several plants of larkspur (*Consolida ajacis*) when they bloomed so stately and bright.



Seeds were sown from a wild flower mix over an area where lily bulbs refused to come up. For an annual, these were really worthwhile. Seeds will be collected and we'll try them again next year. Iris rhizomes are now available for anyone who wants some. They are boxed and mostly labeled/identified on the picnic table in the gazebo. There will be more dug and ready for you from now through September. Come help yourselves. Come say the rosary.

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