

# Pastor pledges pounds in return for donations

**T**he Rev. Jack Emrich, the new associate pastor at Our Lady of the Greenwood, has issued a challenge to the congregation.

Emrich, named associate pastor in February after graduating from Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wis., is an outgoing priest. The kind of priest who greets everyone and who reaches out to give of himself to help his new parish — a lot of himself.

Sunday, he advised the parish that the budget for the new sanctuary, now under construction, is not going to stretch to cover the cost of five stained-glass windows. Clear glass will have to be used until more money is raised.

A big man, at 6-feet, 3-inches, with a big heart, Father Jack has come up with a plan to help out the parish.

Told by his doctors that he needed to lose some weight after undergoing an angioplasty procedure soon after he arrived at Our Lady, Father Jack is asking the parish for help.

He will lose a pound for every dollar each family donates for the stained-glass windows. He hopes to lose 50 pounds initially and 100 pounds eventually.

"I'm hoping to get 1,000 families to participate," he said.

"That would make each pound



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of fat worth \$1,000."

Not only is he sticking to a strict diet, he has started exercising by walking, working out on a treadmill, cycling and swimming, when the weather turns warmer. So the parishioners better start saving, because Father Jack is serious.

"Father Kneuen said if I don't lose the weight, he'll chase me around the front yard until I do."

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Jeff Lewis, son of Bettie Gholston of New Whiteland and Dick Lewis of Franklin, has been named outstanding Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer of the year for the state of Indiana for 1997.

DARE is a national education program that educates elementary students about the dangers of drugs.

Lewis is a deputy sheriff in