

# Divine Mercy Parish Picnic

Fr. Charles Ryan our former parish enjoying our yearly parish picnic before he leaves to take up his new position at the FFSP's seminary.

Fr. Ryan became our priest when we were elevated from simply a traditional community sharing Holy Spirit Church to being a quasi parish. The first deliberate step we took on our way to finally becoming a personal parish.



**Fr. Charles Ryan, Marion Nundal & David Reid**

Diversity as Monica is from Trinidad in the West Indies and Mazoe is from South Africa.



**L to R Monica Bidishie & Mazoe Caufman**



**Who says kids don't attend Mass anymore no nostalgia here**



**Fr. Charles Ryan our new parish priest - first picnic with our community**



**Kurt Raeder, Mercia Hodges & Arnold Weigert getting the barbecue going these intrepid warriors have been around from the very beginning**

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August the weather was the main concern. Would it rain or would there be some sun? Well, thanks to St. Joseph, the sun did shine on the annual Divine Mercy picnic. Although there were no games, 115 people or so enjoyed quiet conversation, making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. In past years, Father Ryan enjoyed hurling water-filled balloons into the sun so they would burst at the feet of certain dazzled members of his flock. Impossible to catch, too. Still, the slower pace gave us a chance to meet Father Deprey and welcome him more sedately. Perhaps flying frisbees, aquatic balloons and hurtling footballs might have made him wonder. Murcia Hodges, Kurt Raeder and Arnold Weigert kept so busy flipping burgers and roasting bratwurst that it was hard to tell who was actually the head cook and who merely the helpers. This year about 150 people attended.