

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH INFORMATION

- BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:** Mon. by 4:00 pm
- NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome all new families and individuals. Please call the rectory to register or see the pastor after Mass.
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Emergency Assistance Call 289-6101, Box #1164
- TRANSPORTATION:** Need a ride to the 4:30 pm or 10 am Mass? Call Cathy White 776-0363, ext. 13.
- CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** For those in K-2nd grade at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- BAPTISM:** Please call the rectory for information, and to make a preparation appointment with Deacon Joe.
- MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months before their intended date, and before any reservations/deposits.
- COMMUNION CALLS:** Please call the rectory to request Holy Communion if someone is ill or homebound and as a result unable to attend Mass.
- EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the church chapel. Contact Therese Noecker, 776-7636. or Carmela Garza, 517-8311.
- HOSPITAL VISITS/ANOINTING OF SICK:** Please call the rectory if you or a family member is hospitalized or if you want Anointing of the Sick.
- FATHER GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER:**
3135 Lafayette Street, 63104 771-9411
Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PARISH NEWS



PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

On January 28th, PGC Workshop will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory basement. If you would like to attend the workshop, please call the Rectory at 776-0363 to make a reservation. It will be first come, first serve. There is a limited number of spaces.

This is only for the SMOS Parishioners and School Families.



FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

On January 25, our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion, as well as laws for the protection of women such as informed consent and waiting periods. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event.

January 18, 2009



Pastor's Desk


Being away for a week, I could reflect on the issues of our parish. So much is going well, as we are growing in numbers and spirit, and school is strong. I felt concern, though, over our internal communications—including bulletin articles, flyers, reserving rooms, and calendar scheduling. We have had guidelines for these in place for a year and a half, but we still experience tension over these things. It might help to review quickly why the guidelines were developed.

In the summer of 2007, a mass mailing went out from the rectory's address that contained very inappropriate material. It had not been reviewed by me or anyone else except the person who did the mailing. I had not even been aware the mailing went out, until I was called down to the Archbishop's office to explain in person how this could have happened, and what steps would be taken to prevent this from happening again.

As with any serious matter, I took this to the Parish Council. They were shocked that such offensive material went out from the parish address. Discussions ensued through several meetings, and we realized that there was no set process of oversight about content in the bulletin or what was mailed out before these things reached the office; and that this often resulted in last minute pressure on myself or the parish staff.

A simple set of guidelines was developed. These materials were publicized and began to be used in our four major commissions. However, after a year and a half, we still experience significant tension over the same things: bulletin articles, flyers, room reservations and calendar scheduling; and our non-parishioner office staff members often get pressure and criticism for doing their job. Frankly, this is getting old. The guidelines were developed to prevent repeat of the actual problems just described, and to support our parish's mission and good name; and also to minimize competition for space, printed or otherwise. Whatever workplace you may be in, I am sure there is a procedure to go through to get something in the office publication, or to reserve space. Our guidelines are simple and not burdensome, and available equally to all. For clarity, we include the guidelines for submitting a bulletin article or flyer on page 4 of this bulletin. Next week, we will list the process for reserving a room and calendar space.

With putting these things out directly, I've assured our parish staff, including Peter and Deacon Joe, that they need not fear getting pressure to try to shortcut the guidelines the Council asked me to implement. When we use a bit of advance planning, this is not necessary. I am hopeful that we can resolve these tensions and move on constructively. We have important work to do this year. I hope we can proceed with it in a way that respects the needs of the community, and of each other.

<p>Monday, 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day School & Rectory Closed Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 p.m. CH</p> <p>Tuesday, 1/20 Blood Drive, 3-8p, CH</p> <p>Wednesday, 1/21 Yellow Ribbon Mass 6:45 p.m. Chapel School Board, 7p, RMR Choir, 7:15 p.m. Church & CH</p> <p>Thursday 1/22 Eucharistic Adoration, 9a-10p, Chapel Life Line Screening 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Gym</p> <p>Friday 1/23 School Mass, 8:00 a.m. Church</p> <p>Sunday 1/25 RICA, 11:15 a.m. RMR School Open House</p>	<p>THIS WEEK  IN OUR PARISH</p>
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Weekly Collection for FY 2009

Week of January 4, 2009	\$5,620.50
Average for FY 2009	\$8,546.23
Number of Envelopes Used	99
Budgeted Average FY 2009	\$8,049.71
Week of January 11, 2009	\$7,535.60
Average for FY 2009	\$8,568.46
Number of Envelopes Used	119
Budgeted Average FY 2009	\$8,049.71

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Did You Know ? On January 1, 2009 the new Missouri minimum wage is now \$7.05. For more information contact MO. Division of Labor Standards, PO Box 449, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Phone: 573-751-3403
E-mail: minimumwage@dolir.mo.gov
Website: www.dolir.mo.gov/lis/minimumwage

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

John the Baptist’s role is to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God, who will forgive the sins of the world. This statement recognizes Jesus’ importance and leads John’s disciples to leave him and follow Jesus, the Son of God. In this short section of the gospel, much is said about openness for example, the ability to accept the word about Jesus and letting one’s heart be moved. How has someone else’s willingness to try something new or to meet a new person changed you? Or, how would you answer this question: What are you really looking for in life? Have you found that? Why? Why not?

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS, FLYERS AND INSERTS GUIDELINES

Bulletin announcements

Bulletin announcements from ministries must be approved by the Commission chair.

- Commission chairs will set their own deadlines for approval.
- If the Commission chair has concerns about whether the event conforms to the parish mission, the request goes before the full Parish Council.
- If the Commission chair concludes that the announcement is appropriate, the chair will forward approved announcements to the rectory staff member responsible for the bulletin by 4:00 p.m. on Monday before the weekend the announcement is to appear.
- Bulletin articles may be edited by staff for space. Normally, an event will not have a full bulletin article until three weeks prior to the event, although a brief notice may be included earlier.

Community News Bulletin announcements must be approved by the pastor or rectory staff member.

Bulletin Inserts

Bulletin inserts must be reviewed for appropriateness by the Commission chair. Deadline is two Mondays before the weekend that the inserts will go into the bulletin.

- If the commission chair has concerns about whether the event conforms to the parish mission, the request goes before the full Parish Council.
- If the Commission chair concludes that the announcement is appropriate, the requestor may proceed with the insert.
- The Commission head will notify the rectory staff that the insert is acceptable by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the weekend the insert is to go into the bulletin.

Size is limited to 1/2 page.

- If a full page is necessary to contain all the information, the ministry is requested to fold it in half.
- In the interests of stewardship of the earth’s resources, use of both sides of the paper is encouraged.

Ministries are responsible for doing their own insert copying and stuffing. Ministries may use the parish copier. Stuffing must be completed by noon on Friday.

- Ministries should estimate two person-hours to stuff the bulletin, plus any additional time to copy and fold insert. The printed tear-off sheet in the bulletin, which is normally used for the parish calendar, can be used for selected other committee events. This request needs to be turned into the Commission chair one month in advance, and is subject to previous requests for the space.

Flyers (stacks of papers to be picked up by interested parishioners)

Flyers are not permitted in the main body of the church. Flyers may be put on the radiator covers in the vestibule.

Flyers must be reviewed for appropriateness by the Commission chair. Deadline is two Mondays before the weekend that the flyer will be placed in the vestibule.

- If the Commission chair has concerns about whether the event conforms to the parish mission, the request goes before the full Parish Council.
- If the Commission chair concluded that the announcement is appropriate, the requestor may proceed with the insert.
- The Commission head will notify the rectory staff that the flyer is acceptable by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the weekend the flyer is to be placed in the vestibule.

Ministries are responsible for placing and removing their flyers. Recycling of expired flyers is encouraged.

(CLIP AND SAVE)

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. January 24th - 4:30 p.m.
TBA
Sun. January 25th - 8:00 a.m.
TBA
Sun. January 25th - 10:00 am
TBA



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. January 24th - 4:30 p.m.
Prudence Kramer, Carmela Garza, Carol Helfrich
Sun. January 25th - 8:00 a.m.
Deacon Joe, Joyce Herleth, Cheryl Thomas
Sun. January 25th -10:00 a.m.
Rose Mary Murphey, CSJ, Mary Lisa Penilla, John Merideth, Marg Schmitz, Virginia Coates-Favron, Julie Collignon, Kelly White, Mary Jo Liberstein



LECTORS

Sat. January 24th - 4:30 p.m.
Judie Tucci, Pam Cacchione
Sun. January 25th - 8:00 a.m.
Marilyn Sweeney, Tom Sweeney
Sun. January 25th - 10:00 a.m.
Greg Rohde, Richard Buthod



GREETERS FOR JANUARY

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley
8:00 a.m. Martha Brake
10:00 a.m. Duke Dummerth & Patty Herdrickson



COFFEE & DONUTS 1/25/09

Donut Pick Up: Margaret Besing
Coffee for January: Kathy Waeltermann
Donut Clean Up: Barb Potts



DRIVERS 1/24/09 John Lenzini
1/25/09 Bob Buscher

SHOPS VOLUNTEERS

Sat. January 24th- 4:30 p.m.
Margie Besing
Sun. January 25th- 8:00 a.m.
Cheryl Thomas
Sun. January 25th - 10:00 a.m.
Bonita Rohling

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 19th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions
8:00 a.m. Florence Speas (Fr. Mike Barber)

Tuesday, January 20th

6:30 a.m. Marie Austermann
8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Falker (Fr. Edwin Albers)

Wednesday, January 21st

6:30 a.m. Nancy Beety

Thursday, January 22nd

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention (Fr. Edwin Albers)

Friday, January 23rd

6:30 a.m. Raymond Austermann
8:00 a.m. Mike & Mary Brake
"Happy Anniversary"

Saturday, January 24th

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish (Fr. Edwin Albers)

Sunday, January 25th

8:00 a.m. Paul Camacho
10:00 a.m. Lupe Garza

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38
What are you looking for? That is a question Jesus asks each of us. It has been said there is a God shaped hole in every soul that only God can fill. Instead of spending time with God, though, we fill our days working for things that do not satisfy us but that society says we need to impress one another.



January 18 through January 25, 2009

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4
Mk3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17
Mk3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9
1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

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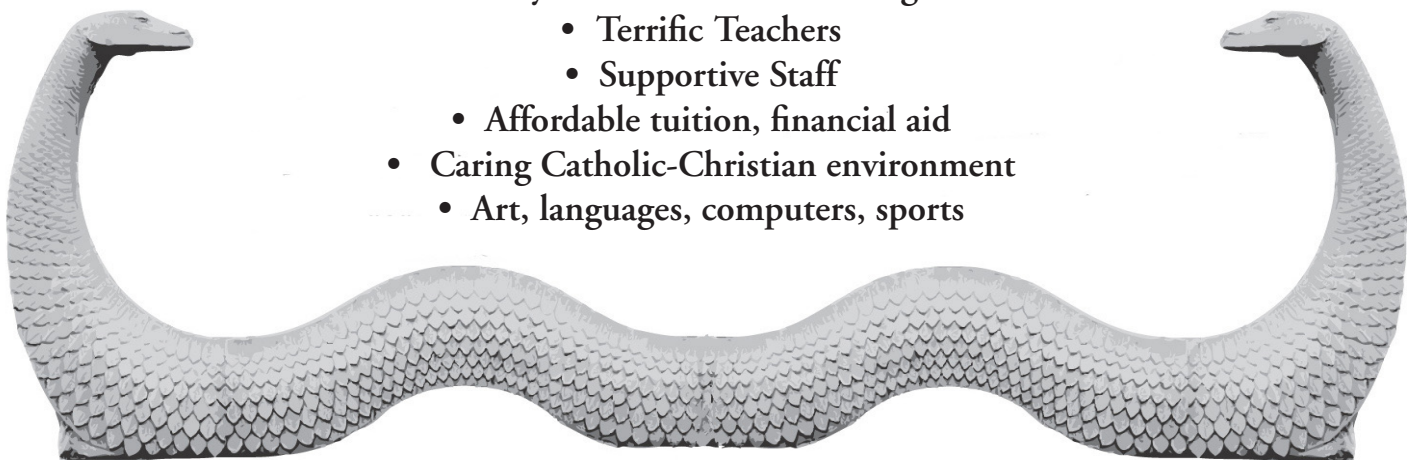
*A place where kids are proud to be smart
and think it's cool to communicate!*

**Please Join us for an Open House
Sunday, January 25th
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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In the end, it's the beginning that counts.