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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 Fr. Tom.
- 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

Weekly Collection for FY 2009

Week of September 13, 2009	\$6,002.16
Average for FY 2009	\$ 7,333.86
Number of Envelopes Used	106
Budgeted Average FY 2010	\$8,342.00

REST IN PEACE

Our sympathies and prayers to the family of Oris Elworths Conner, father of Carol Malon, who recently died. He will be remembered in our prayers.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN COLUMN

This Tuesday, September 22nd, we will be hosting a PGC workshop at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Basement. Please call the Rectory at 776-0363 to make a reservation. Space is limited. **The last 2009 workshop for PGC will be October 27th.** Thank You!

Do you have any questions about PGC? Please contact Carmela Garza at 776-0363 ext. 16.
Thanks!



Some things make an impression—I’ve talked before (e.g. at Parent 1st Communion meetings, or on Corpus Christi) on the sacrifice we enter into at each Mass. While today, communal aspects of the Eucharistic celebration are often what we think of—the warmth of the congregation, the music, the before and after moments—I never forget what the sisters at St. Pius V taught us. At each Mass, the death of Jesus on Calvary—which we know from John’s gospel was a free gift of his life—is made present, so that we can participate in it. It’s much stronger than a memory, or a memorial service as we think of it. Time is opened up, and the once-for-all-time event of Death and Resurrection is made open for us to be part of. This is realized, *if* we make an offering of our life, all that we have and are, with Jesus. This is the basic theology of the Eucharist. All our community life, and our individual holiness, comes from this, and is brought here. (The liturgy is the “source and summit” of the church’s life, according to the Second Vatican Council.)

I reflect on this with you because of the theme of Stewardship this year: Sacrifice and Service. Earlier this year, the members of the Archdiocesan Stewardship Board looked at the coming Stewardship season in light of the challenging and difficult economic environment we’ve entered; and also in light of the various other solicitations for our offerings, within the parish, the Archdiocese, and other things we may respond to. Stewardship is not, in the first meaning, about any of these. It’s a relational call, a reminder of the life we share because of Jesus’ gift of his life to us. We looked at practical numbers and expenses etc. last week. This week is for our personal and spiritual reflection, on our identity as stewards. This is our basic identity as, not the creators, but the caretakers of the material and personal goods, and the people, who have been entrusted to us. Every year, we renew this basic understanding, as in one of the other seasons of the year when a fundamental part of our spiritual identity is underscored.

Thanks for being good stewards, as last Sunday’s report shows. Let’s see how this plays out as we look in the next two weeks at our offerings of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, 9/21

Ladies Auxiliary Potluck 6:30 p.m. CH

Tuesday, 9/22

PGC Workshop 7:00 p.m. RB (RSVP Only)

Wednesday, 9/23

Athletic Assn. 7:00 p.m. RB

Finance 7:00 p.m. RMR

Choir 7:15 p.m. Church & CH

Thursday, 9/24

Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Side Chapel

8th Ward 7:30 p.m. CH

Friday, 9/25

School Mass 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, 9/26

Festival of Ministries after Mass in CH

Rummage Collection outside church

SVDP Walk after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, 9/27

Festival of Ministries after Mass in CH

RCIA 11:15 a.m. RMR

Rummage collection outside church

DuBourg Swing Dancers, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., CH

Class of 1953 Mass 10:00 a.m.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION By: Peter Hesed

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes a child in the crowd as an object lesson in discipleship: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me..."

There is always a danger of reducing such a scene to a 'Holy card moment.' Or, when we read in the letter of James "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace," we might be filled with warm and fuzzy pious feelings.

That is, if we aren't reading very carefully. What Jesus is really talking about is the cost of discipleship and the folly of self-aggrandizement. He didn't call his disciples into a life of comfort and success, although they, like us, had trouble understanding this.

In the second reading James is, as always, very challenging. He points to the inevitable futility of coveting, of envy and killing, of waging war. All of these destructive actions arise from the passions. Cultivating peace is not only hard work; it can be dangerous as well.

Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer warned that the Church was threatened by the heresy of "cheap grace." This is the very human desire to have Easter without Good Friday; to live with Christ without dying with him.

Every parent must learn that in accepting a child (or children) into your life, you are placing the needs and well-being of another before your own. The cost of discipleship can be mundane and daily. Or, like Bonhoeffer, a martyr to the Nazis, it can be dramatic and final. But grace is costly. We need only look to the crucifix to remember.

HIGHLANDER DINNER DANCE

Save the Date for SMOS Highlander Saturday November 7th. Volunteers are needed to help with everything from setup to cleanup. Please contact Elise Ibendahl 771-6863 or elisemarie@att.net if you can help.

RCIA

Learn More about the Catholic Faith

The process known as RCIA will begin next Sunday. This is a journey of adult faith formation for anyone who wants to explore the Catholic Church. Although the program was really designed to prepare adults for baptism, we have adapted the program to fit the needs of our participants.

Attending the RCIA sessions indicates no commitment to joining the Catholic Church. Some people come because they know they want to become Catholic, but others come only to find out more about Catholic practices and beliefs. As the year progresses our participants discern their own beliefs in the context of intelligent adult discussion and prayer, and they may or may not want to join the Church formally. Sometimes lifelong Catholics go through the program to refresh and deepen their appreciation of the faith of the Church.

Our parish has a great team of long-time parishioners. Weekly after the 10:00 Mass we have a presentation, some discussion, sharing and prayer. We'll be starting with a light, introductory session and refreshments on Sun., Sept. 27. Might you be interested? Or do you know someone who is just waiting to be invited? Feel free to call or e-mail Peter Hesed 776-2255; peterhesed@hotmail.com

FRIENDS OF PRIESTS

Is initiating a Prayer Campaign for all priests, deacons, seminarians and consecrated religious. This campaign will begin on Sun., Oct. 4th and end on Tues., Dec. 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All parishioners are invited to sign a pledge to pray ten Hail Marys each day from Sun., Oct. 4th to Tues., Dec. 8th. The signed prayer pledges are to be collected by the hospitality ministers and given to the parish secretary. The prayer pledges bound in book form to be presented to the Archdiocese on Dec. 5th. Sign up sheets will be available in the back of church starting this weekend until Nov. 8th.

PARISH NURSE - - - **By: Cathy White**

"A Time to Mourn, a Time to Heal" The Grief Support Group at St. Gabriel's Parish is hosting a four week seminar on grief. This seminar is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one in the past several years. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings in October from 7:30 -9:00 p.m., beginning Oct. 7th. Plan to attend all four sessions. Call the parish nurse, Beth, at 353-6303 to register.

Seasonal Flu Update: There are many pharmacies, clinics, physician offices, and hospitals throughout the St. Louis area that are offering seasonal flu vaccinations.

Recommendations are to get vaccinated in the early fall before the flu season gets under way. Remember, it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against influenza virus infection. While seasonal influenza outbreaks can happen as early as October, most of the time influenza activity peaks in January or later. This info is in reference to the seasonal flu, not the H1N1 virus. Call Cathy (776-0363) for information about seasonal flu vaccination sites in our area. Watch this space for updates from the CDC on the H1N1 virus.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

If your child, grades 3rd through 8th is interested in playing basketball, there will be many opportunities to sign up. Sign-ups will occur at the following times: Sunday, September 20th following 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Church Basement.

Players must register and pay activity fee during this period to be included on final rosters.

Three Easy Steps to Registration:

- Come to one of the sign-up times
- Provide necessary roster information
- Pay the \$30 activity fee

Contact Chris Kuehn for more information at 664-1772. **Remember all must be in compliance with PGC.**

SHOPS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Shopping Helps Our Parish and School is looking for a volunteer to sell SHOPS gift cards after one 4:30 Mass each month. Giving all parishioners weekly access to purchase cards is what makes this program a successful fundraiser for our parish and school. If you are able to spend 15 minutes after one Mass a month to help fill our schedule, please call Cindy Riordan at 664-3885. Thank you!

2ND ANNUAL SVDP

"WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES"

This is a great family activity that will help serve the friends and neighbors in our parish neighborhood who struggle with making ends meet. Visit You Tube and type in Wake Up and Walk SVDP to learn more about this annual SVDP fundraising walk. Celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, on Saturday, September 26th starting with registration at 8:00a.m. in the Church Lobby, Mass at 8:30a.m., a one-mile walk in our neighborhood at 9:00a.m. & a reception at 9:45a.m. Sign up, waiver, and pledge sheets are in the church lobby.

GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER RUMMAGE COLLECTION

The next GOC rummage collection will be this coming Saturday, Sept. 26th 3:00–6:00p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 27th 7:30a.m.–noon. A truck will be parked on 39th St. to take all those unused treasures off your hands - clothes, books, kitchen items, knick-knacks, toys, small furniture items, etc. No appliances please. If you miss the truck you can drop off your items at the GOC, 3135 Lafayette Ave. anytime during the week 9-1p.m. The GOC Rummage Sale will take place on Sat. and Sun., October 3 & 4 from 8:00a.m. to noon.

SVDP PANTRY NEEDS:

Personal hygiene & cleaning items – soap (bath, laundry, dish, cleaning), shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet tissue. Call 776-2204 or e-mail jgoldone@yahoo.com for more information on any of the above.

ALTAR SERVERS



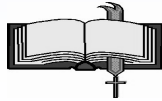
Sat. September 26th- 4:30 p.m.
Joseph & Theresa Schneider, Tiara Fitzpatrick
Sun. September 27th - 8:00 a.m.
Ben & Will DelaRoche
Sun. September 27th - 10:00 a.m.
Jack Casey, Dominic Civettini, Rachel Dardick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Sat. September 26th- 4:30 p.m.
Carmela Garza, Therese Noecker
Sun. September 27th - 8:00 a.m.
Barb Lenzini, George Mills
Sun. September 27th -10:00 a.m.
Mary Lisa Penilla, Dorothy Wamser, Helen Halter,
Debb Halter, Linda Holdinghaus, Kim Zamastil,
Julie Gryskiewicz, Greg Rohde, Julio Zegarra-
Ballon

LECTORS



Sat. September 26th - 4:30 p.m.
Tim Mulligan, Betsy Mahony
Sun. September 27th - 8:00 a.m.
Kelly White, Kim Joos
Sun. September 27th - 10:00 a.m.
Erika & James Ottolini

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER



4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley, Elaine Burrus
8:00 a.m. Martha Brake
10:00 a.m. Duke Dummerth, Patty Hendrickson

COFFEE & DONUTS 9/27/09



Donut Pick Up: Bob & Bernie Buschner
Coffee for September: Kathy Waeltermann
Donut Clean Up: Barb Potts

DRIVERS 9/26/09 Betsy Mahony
9/27/09 Bob Buschner

SHOPS VOLUNTEERS

Sat. September 26th - 4:30 p.m.
Margie Besing
Sun. September 27th - 8:00 a.m.
Cheryl Thomas
Sun. September 27th - 10:00 a.m.
Bonita Rohling



Monday, September 21st

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions
8:00 a.m. Marie Austermann

Tuesday, September 22nd

6:30 a.m. Raymond Austerman
8:00 a.m. Albert Hackmann

Wednesday, September 23rd

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions

Thursday, September 24th (Fr. Edwin Albers)

6:30 a.m. Ramano Camacho

Friday, September 25th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions
8:00 a.m. Rose Ann Hackmann

Saturday, September 26th

4:30 p.m. Mario Mannello Jr.

Sunday, September 27th

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Dorothy Siemer

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." - Mark 9:35

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and His Church.



September 20 through September 27

Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20 Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8
Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4,6-8 Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-13
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14
Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Stewardship Awareness Sunday Pastoral Letter

September 20, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although today the Archdiocese of St. Louis marks its 9th annual celebration of Stewardship Awareness Sunday, for me it is my first opportunity to write to you about stewardship.

During my short time here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, I have already seen that the people of this Archdiocese are good and generous people. I have been overwhelmed by all that you have given and all that you have accomplished. For that I am most grateful.

Yet in their pastoral letter on stewardship, the US Catholic Bishops remind us that, *“At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will.”* Today, I am asking each of you to consider whether Jesus might be calling you to take one more step forward in your spiritual and stewardship journey.

Stewardship begins by opening our hearts to God’s will for us. To know God’s will for us, we must spend time with God. We all need to give time each day to be alone with Jesus in prayer. Make a stewardship pledge to find more time for prayer.

During your time in prayer thank God for all the many blessings and gifts that He has given to you. Then ask God what He wants you to do with those gifts right now, right here, in this time and in this Church. Is there some service or some sacrifice that you can offer? Can you step forward and volunteer in your parish community? Can you increase your financial support?

I am not asking you for more money or more time. I am simply asking you to pray so that you will know what God wants you to do with the gifts He has entrusted to your care. As individuals and as families, we all have some prayer, some service or some sacrifice that we can give. If you hear Jesus calling you to do more, please do not hesitate. Our Church greatly needs the gifts that God is counting on you to give.

May your faithful stewardship bring peace to your heart and joy to your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Carlson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and "C".

Most Reverend Archbishop Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis