

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 28th, 2009

13th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Pastoral Council

Pat Mitchell, Chair
Jim Cauley
John Burch
Joan Holig
Jeanette Crowley, Sec.
Lizzie Mitchell
Finance Council
Jeri Smith
Mary Puetz, Secretary
Karen Patton
Penny Arens
Kim Betthausser

June 29 th	Monday	8AM	NO MASS
June 30 th	Tuesday	8AM	Joe Parchem +
July 1 st	Wednesday	8AM	Cullen Marose +
July 2 nd	Thursday	8AM	In Thanksgiving
July 3 rd	Friday	8AM	Father Paul Czerwonka - Health
July 4 th	Saturday	8 AM	Bud Nate +
July 4 th	Saturday	8 PM	Joe Parchem +
July 5 th	Sunday	9 AM	Thanksgiving for all who sent cards and prayers for Denny & Roberta Fitzgerald

*Sanctuary Lamp -

Remember to stop at the Rectory to schedule masses for your loved ones.

Stewardship	
Adult Env.	\$ 1,227.00
Student Env.	12.00
Offertory	398.10
Votives	99.25
Step Project	425.00
Holy Day Utilities	
Bishop's Appeal	
Total	\$ 2,161.35

July 2nd Thursday All day adoration following 8AM Mass- Please sign up for an hour to sit with the Lord. Signup sheets are in the back of church.

No Altar Sodality Meeting in July & August. Meetings will resume 9/17/09

Remember to pick up your new ministry sheet for July in the back of the church.

Looking Ahead: This year, CCD classes will be held on Wednesday Evenings.

Confessions: Sat. 7:15PM & Sun. 8:15AM
Adoration: 7AM before Saturday Mass, 1st Thursday all day
Rosary: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM before Mass
Office Hours: 8:30AM-12:30 PM Monday-Friday

Sodality Bake Sale - July 4th & 5th.

Before & after each Mass. Ladies remember to bake and everyone else, remember your wallets. All proceeds will go to help with the Step Repair Project.

Donations are needed to repair the front steps of the Church, which as you can see are crumbling in many areas. The materials will cost roughly \$ 2,100.00. The labor will be donated by several men of the Parish. Total donations to date; \$1,838.00. Total expense for supplies to date \$549.00. Please help with a financial donation if you can.

Donations of vase bouquets or potted flowers for the church are always welcome. We are also accepting donations of potted annual flowers for the outdoor flower beds. Petunias, Impatiens, Marigolds etc. would be a lovely addition of color until the Perennials start blooming.

Families or groups of parishioners are still needed to sign up for one day of the year to clean the church. Cleaning can be done on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. If each family could donate one cleaning, you would be obligated less than once per year. Please sign up to volunteer so we don't have to hire a cleaning person.

Life Becomes Eternal Sharing

The sudden death of Michael Jackson at the age of 50 might have been a shock to his fans. It was reflected in Newspapers as more than grief. For example, Britain's Guardian says "his bizarre life style and personal notoriety eclipsed his talents and his numerous achievements". The premature deaths of so many dear people like Michael Jackson makes us ask some basic questions in life: What is the relationship between lifestyle and death? In spite of advanced medical care, why have premature deaths become common in the world?

The readings of today give beautiful insights to us amidst our perennial questions on life and death. The Wisdom literature, that is our first reading today, affirms the everlasting nature of human beings. "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living". If God did not create death, then, who has created it? "By the envy of the devil, death entered the world"- concludes the reading. Here, the author does not speak about mere decay of the human body. For him, physical death is a natural transition in human life. It does not make the real destruction of the human person. He speaks about "the self" of the human person who is imperishable; it could die only when the human person commits sin.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the giver of life. There are two miracles in today's Gospel. One is the raising of Jairus's daughter and the other is the curing of a woman who suffered hemorrhage for 12 years. In both cases, Jesus presents himself as a person who restores the fullness of life in human persons. In both stories, the message of Jesus is this: "Do not be afraid, only have faith". This message comes 366 times in the Bible. There are two factors that bring a total destruction in human life, one is fear and the other is mistrust. These two things are more dangerous than bodily sickness. Surrendering oneself to God with full trust can only overcome death and restore in us the fullness of life which is eternal and everlasting.

The second reading of today gives praxis for eternal life. Surrendering oneself to God with full trust could be concretely expressed in the sharing of what we have with the poor. God has shared his riches with us by sending his only son. He continues to share his life with us through sacraments. To increase our faith and trust in God, we could make charity as an orthopraxis. Life becomes eternal in sharing.

Fr. G. Valentine Joseph

I would like to spend the months of June & July visiting the homes of all parishioners. I want to get to know you better and provide a blessing for your homes. Please call me soon and set up a visit.
Fr. Valentine

Please remember your pledges to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal which ends this week on June 30th. If you have not pledged already please search your heart & do so if you can.** Our Parish goal is \$13,261.82. We are still short by \$586.82 with 90 parish families still not pledged. **If we do not make our goal the Parish will have to make up the difference.** Thank you for the personal sacrifice & generosity of those who have met their pledge obligation and then given more.

Saturday July 4th, 8 PM

Lectors: Joyce Fuller
Servers: Anthony Bermeo,
Ushers: Franny Senzig, James Arens, Gary Fuller
Gift Bearers: Leo & Jeanette Crowley
Sunday July 5th, 9 AM
Lectors: Roberta Fitzgerald, Sheri Guyse
Servers: Johanna & Theresa Madland
Ushers: Joe Scully, Dean Walsh, Mark Walsh
Gift Bearers: Clarence & Gloria Kramer
EMC: Body of Christ: Sheri Guyse
Blood of Christ: Roberta Fitzgerald
Beverly Tourangeau