

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa Center
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Social Justice Meeting: 11:30am - Benincasa Center
Youth Group: 4pm - Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

19 MONDAY

Communion Service: 9am - Church

20 TUESDAY

Mass: 9am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 7pm - Church

21 WEDNESDAY

Children's Choir 4th-8th grade: 7:45-8:15am - Church
Communion Service: 9am - Church
Finance Council: 7pm - Benincasa Center

22 THURSDAY

Mass: 9am - Church
Children's Choir 1-3rd grade: 3-3:30pm - Church
Choir: 7pm - Church
Facilities Committee: 7pm - Benincasa Center

23 FRIDAY

Mass: 9am - Church

24 SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm - Church
Mass: 5pm - Church
AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement

25 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa Center
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Youth Group: Haunted House
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

Readings for October 25, 2009 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Prayers



Ray Barnes
Luis Batayola
Joe Byrne
Kay De Ambrosio
Evan Dubicki
Bob Flakus

Frank Martin
James McNamara
Effie Rohner
Evelyn Stetz
Don Sullivan
Chris Young

A Word From Victoria

As you may remember, my sabbatical this summer focused on evangelization—both our call to spread the good news and our call to come to know and love Jesus. The heart of the gospel (which means good news) is Jesus. My reading focused on both aspects of evangelization: how do we strengthen our relationship with Jesus and how do we pass on good news in a culture that seems not very supportive of faith, tradition and church. Our efforts in building an engaged church and our use of the StrengthFinders tool seek to address one understanding of evangelization. In addition, the archdiocesan attention to non-practicing Catholics and others through the upcoming media campaign, Catholics Come Home, seeks to spread the good news and draw others to the Catholic community.

If we are to be good evangelizers who spread the good news, then we must first be people who know and love Jesus. We need to spend some time growing in our own relationship with Jesus and in our faith.

This year's Whole Community Gatherings will focus on Jesus. We have asked Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ, to speak at all three of our gatherings. On each evening he will speak about Jesus and assist us in our growth in faith. Fr. Peter is a very inspiring speaker. His own faith and passion for God is apparent in his words and in his prayerful presence.

The first Whole Community Gathering is **Saturday, November 7**. Come to the 5pm mass. Fr. Peter will preach that evening. We will have dinner together after mass. The dinner will be prepared by parishioner, Diana Trudnowski. After dinner, we will separate into age groups. The adults will be with Fr. Peter; the children K-4 will be with Kathy Lofstedt, our fourth grade teacher; and the 5-8 graders will be with Johnna Reitz, parishioner, parent and catechist. The high school students will either be at the annual Youth Convention or with the adult group. Toddler children will remain with their parents. (If you are interested in babysitting for this youngest group, contact Crystal Koory at the parish office; we will see what we can do.) At 8:15pm we will gather as a whole group for dessert and closing prayer.

The next two Whole Community Gatherings are scheduled for Saturday, February 6 after the 5pm mass and Sunday, May 16 after the 10:30am mass. Please do mark your calendar now. These gatherings provide an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to do so together as companions in faith.

I hope to see you there. My faith in Jesus is strengthened in community.

Victoria

PS If you want to take the next step in evangelization, invite your friends and family as well. This is how good news spreads.

Announcements

First Reconciliation Preparation

There will be a meeting on **Monday, October 26 at 7pm** for parents of children wishing to have their First Reconciliation in December. The meeting will take place in the Benincasa Center. First Reconciliation is typically for children in the 2nd grade or older. If you have any questions contact Crystal Koory at CrystalKoory@stcatherineparish.net

Baptism of Infants

Our next date for baptism of infants and children will be **Saturday, November 14 at the 5pm mass and the weekend of January 9-10**. If you are interested in having your child baptized, call Victoria ASAP to arrange a meeting and to register for the class.

Liturgy Committee

We are looking for new members to join our committee. We plan the Sunday and holy day masses and discuss issues related to liturgy. No experience needed; there is plenty of on-the-job training. We meet monthly, generally on the **second Monday of the month at 7pm**. Interested, call or email Victoria Ries or Mark Adrian at the parish office.

Parish Picture Directory

We are preparing a new parish picture directory. The schedule is as follows: Friday, November 27 (1-8); Saturday, November 28 (9-4); Tuesday-Friday, December 1-4 (1-8); Saturday, December 5 (9-4). Families with children in town over Thanksgiving will be given priority on the first two dates. Please contact Elsa Alvarez at 524-8981 or elsaalvarez@q.com to schedule a time for your picture.

If you can help with telephoning or with welcome on the picture days, contact Elsa at information above.

St. Catherine School Kindergarten Open House

We are now accepting applications for the Kindergarten class of 2010-2011. Please join us for our Kindergarten Open House on **Wednesday, November 4 beginning at 7pm**. There will be a presentation that includes tours of the school, time to meet the Kindergarten teacher and to schedule a meeting with our Principal.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection Total

October 7, 2009

\$6,012.00



Holiday Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

For the 5th consecutive year, the St. Catherine circle of the Association for Catholic Childhood (ACC) will be selling the finest quality Northwest 22" mixed Noble Fir wreaths for \$20 each. New this year we will offer locally grown, stunning, florist quality red poinsettias, sleeved in festive metallic wrap, in two sizes. All profits go directly to the charitable children's organizations that ACC supports. Your wreaths and poinsettias will be delivered here on November 23. For an additional charge wreaths can be delivered via UPS (sorry poinsettias cannot be shipped). Look for order forms on the table at the back of the church and return them to the parish or school by November 2. Call Gayle Kaplan 206-527-5261 or Leslie Bartlett at 206-517-8040 if you have any questions.

Social Justice

Missions Trips: This is an opportunity for a summer high school youth/adult group or a fall adult group to go to Tijuana, Mexico to help build a home and engage in other activities with the Esperanza community there. If you are interested, please come to an informational meeting **Sunday, November 1 in between the Sunday masses** in the school cafeteria at **9:30am**. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

High School Youth News

Youth Group has begun and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! You can find the schedule on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish website.

Upcoming events:

Youth Group: Sunday, October 18 from 4-6pm in Victoria Hall, open gym for first hour.

Fellowship: Sunday, October 25 - visit a Haunted House, details TBA. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

Mark your calendars for our next Whole Community Gathering on Saturday, November 7.

Mass at 5pm, Dinner at 6 (provided by Diana Trudnowski), age group presentations at 7. Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ, will speak to the adults on Jesus. Dessert at 8:15. Don't miss a very inspiring evening!