

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Faith Formation: 9:20am - Benincasa Center
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

28 MONDAY

Communion Service: 9am - Church
Facilities Committee: 7pm - Benincasa Center

29 TUESDAY

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

30 WEDNESDAY

Children's Choir 4th-8th grade: 7:45-8:15am - Church
Communion Service: 9am - Church

1 THURSDAY

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

2 FRIDAY

School Mass: 9am - Church

3 SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm - Church
Mass with Children's Choir: 5pm - Church
AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement
All Parish Choir: 7pm, Potluck 6pm

4 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Faith Formation: 9:20am - Benincasa Center
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Youth Group: 4pm - Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Hours for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Saturdays are now from 3-4:30.**

Readings for October 4, 2009 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:7ab, 8b, 18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-26

A Word From Victoria, continued

Secondly, I found the assessment to be very accurate. It helped me to understand who I am and how I do what I do, and did the same for others. It also confirmed my need for others with strengths that balance my weaknesses.

And we are on the way to an (even more) engaged church...

Victoria

A Word From Victoria

We have some exciting plans for the year, and hope that you will participate. (How's that for an open invitation!)

I mentioned in an earlier column that this summer I attended a workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese on Engaged Church. The purpose of the workshop was to help parish staffs and leadership develop "engaged" church communities. One of the primary signs of an engaged community is that members "get to do what they do best." The means of determining what we do best is to know our strengths, to develop them, and to use them in our community. Through much research an assessment tool has been developed to help people know their innate, God-given, talents.

I think that we have a very engaged community, as is evident in our worship, in all that we do, and in the many people who give much time and energy and talent to our many programs, projects and events. I also think that it is possible to build on our strengths as a community. Our first step will be to use the StrengthFinders tool (developed by Gallup, Inc.) to help each of us name and claim our strengths and to encourage all of us to use our particular strengths in service in our community and beyond.

The parish staff has already participated in the assessment tool, and is discovering how best to use our gifts and strengths in working together and in service of our community. Parish leadership is now beginning to participate as well. As each group meets, I am presenting the plan and the process. There will also be evenings for anyone who would like to participate in discovering and developing their strengths.

There is a small catch, however. The StrengthFinders tool is only available online, and each particular code is only available in a copy of the book, *Living Your Strengths*. This arrangement means that anyone who desires to participate must purchase the book and have access to a computer. I have bought the books in bulk for \$13 each. (They retail for \$25 each.) I am asking that each participant pay for the book, if possible. If not, then we will provide the book. If you do not have access to a computer, we can make arrangements at the parish office or school computer lab.

I will admit that at first I was skeptical. Was this just the latest and greatest program offered by the Archdiocese to help us? After taking the assessment, I became convinced of its value. The first reason was the emphasis on strengths. Rather than focus on our weaknesses and try to get better, the approach is to focus on our strengths. We can learn to leverage our strengths in our areas of lesser talent, and we can learn to work together so that our weaknesses are matched by someone else's strengths and their weaknesses by our strengths.

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Announcements

Victoria Hall Concert

An all-parish inaugural concert will be held in Victoria Hall on **Saturday, October 3, starting at 7pm**. The program will feature musical presentations by our own St. Catherine musicians and last about an hour-and-a-half. Hosted by MJ McDermott, you'll hear vocal performances by the Adult Choir, Children's Choirs, Fr. Tony, and others. Instrumental pieces will include Kevin Krentz (cello), Steve Kauffman (clarinet), Melissa Walsh (harp), Jessica Stevens (piano), and a variety of other instruments. A special performance you won't want to miss will be Jessica Stevens and Mark Adrian playing a two-piano version of Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2." You're gonna love it! The concert is free and will last about an hour-and-a-half. **For those attending the Mass, and for those who would like to come early to eat, there will be a potluck dinner from 6:00 to 6:45. (Bring a dish to share.) There will also be a cookie reception after the concert.**

Someone Sells Salmon Dinner Tickets by the Seashore

but we don't know exactly where, so why not order your tickets in advance through school or buy them at church? Ticket order forms for the Salmon Dinner on **Saturday, October 17** are in this week's school Wednesday envelope. You may reserve tickets by returning a completed form with your payment to the school office. You can also purchase tickets after any of the Masses this coming weekend. Seating is limited, so please don't dawdle. T-shirts proudly displaying the new 2-color Salmon Dinner logo can also be ordered using the same form. Shirts ordered and paid for by October 8 will be available for pick up on the night of the dinner. You will be looking good in those T-shirts! Volunteer hours needed? This is a fun event and volunteers are still needed for set up, serving and clean up (in the new Victoria Hall it's all a pleasure!). Call Laurie Pinard at (206) 789-8248 or email at laurieandroman@comcast.net to sign up!

Learn More About the Catholic Church

Thinking about learning more about the Catholic Faith? Want to be baptized? Join us on **Thursday nights at 7pm** in the Benincasa Center. If your child is also interested in joining the church or in being baptized, call Victoria at the parish center.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection Total

September 20, 2009

\$7,335.00

Table

We are looking for a larger table for the Benincasa meeting/dining room. We are hoping for a table 5' by 8-9'. Do you have one, know where we can find one, or can you make one or make a top for the current base? Call Victoria at the parish office if you can help.

Social Justice

We had a great meeting last week. The committee will be offering a course from the JustMatters curriculum entitled *Living Solidarity: Government, the Federal Budget and the Common Good*. The goal of this eight session popular education curriculum is to engage the question: "What kind of society do we wish to become?" It is vital that all of us engage this question by bringing our *values* - not our opinions - to the many conversations about the economy and the federal budget. The budget *is* a moral document! The Gospel and Catholic social teaching remind us that we are responsible for both ourselves and the common good. Look for more information next week. If you are interested in Social Justice or learning more about it please join the Social Justice Committee every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Our next meeting is **October 18 after the 10:30 mass**. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

High School Youth News

Youth Group is beginning this month 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. Our next meeting is **October 4, 4-6pm**, in Victoria Hall. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

Prayers



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

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