

Calendar

..... *A Word from Victoria*

- 11 15th Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 12 Monday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 13 Tuesday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 14 Wednesday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
Sr. High Youth Group Open Gym: 8pm-10pm - Victoria Hall
- 15 Thursday**
Mass: 9am - Church
VBS Staff Meeting - 7pm
- 16 Friday**
Mass: 9am - Church
- 17 Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm
Mass: 5pm
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 18 16th Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 19 Monday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 20 Tuesday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 21 Wednesday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 22 Thursday**
Mass: 9am - Church
- 23 Friday**
Mass: 9am - Church
- 24 Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm
Mass: 5pm
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- 25 17th Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

I read a story this week that brings new perspective to the familiar gospel story of the Good Samaritan. A Scripture professor tells his students that their final exam will be to preach on the passage of the Good Samaritan. He tells them that they should be prepared at any time, that they will take the exam one at a time, and that they will receive a call telling them when to show up for the exam. As each one was rushing to the exam, they passed a homeless man asking for help. Each one declined to help in concern to the get to their exam.

They soon discovered that that was the exam. The homeless man was their professor.

I think I would fail such an exam. Though I buy Real Change, the newspaper sold by homeless people, I often refuse help to people asking for money on street corners or in front of stores. I am not sure that it is a good thing to give money to those begging, but I have never had the nerve or taken the time to ask if I can buy them something to eat.

This is something Jesus did routinely. He always allowed the interruptions and reached out to those asking for his help. Even when he was on his way to help someone else, even when he was on his way to Jerusalem where he would be killed, he took the time to tend to the needs of others.

Maybe it is not about giving money on a street corner. Maybe it is about allowing the interruption in our lives, about our willingness to create space in our lives to help others beyond our friends and families.

If you are a planner, as I am, then it will be important to get this on your list and in your calendar. It may be a contradiction to plan the interruptions, but perhaps that openness to doing something out of our comfort zone will create in us greater willingness to welcome those in need even when it is not scheduled.

One of the goals of the Pastoral Council is to explore ways for our community to be of service in the larger community. I think that there is great interest among our members in feeding the hungry and in other service opportunities. If you have suggestions for ways for us to be involved in any type of service, please let me or other council members know. This year's whole community gatherings will focus on the link between our faith and service, on ways we can bring our faith to meet the needs of those who are hungry or suffering, on our working together as a community in service of others.

This is one exam we don't want to fail.

Victoria

Parish Stewardship

June 27, 2010
\$9,674.00

July 4, 2010
\$6,482.00

Readings for July 18th *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Readings for July 25th *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

PRAYERS

Bob Barone	Frank Martin
Luis Batayola	James McNamara
Kay De Ambrosio	Mary Roberts
Bridget Dobson	Effie Rohner
Ken Dobson	Julia Simon
Evan Dubicki	Chris Young
Martha Harris	

PRAYERS

Announcements

School Fundraising

Please keep in mind that the primary fundraiser for St. Catherine School next school year is going to be a magazine sale starting September 15th! If you have any magazines coming up for renewal, we are hoping you can wait until fall so the school can get the credit...and 50% of the profit! Call Amorette Gent if you have questions 361-9964.

Interested in Learning More About or In Joining the Catholic Church?

The series for adults will begin mid-September. Call or email Victoria for more information and to register for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Website

If you would like to help with the parish web-site, please contact Victoria ASAP.

Catholic Magazines

Do you receive Catholic magazines you would like to pass on to others rather than recycle? If so, please put them on the table in the west vestibule for others to take. Please help yourself to what interests you.

Rides to Church

We have a couple parishioners in need of a ride to church—one near 105th and one near 70th. If you can help in any way, please contact Victoria at the parish office.

Share Your Views On Volunteerism

The Catholic Network of Volunteer Service would like to hear from people 40 and older. CNVS is a national organization of Christian volunteer and missions programs. Participate in a brief online survey, and you can help volunteers like yourself find more opportunities that match their interests. The survey is at www.cnvs.org/survey.

Baptism of Infants

Our next dates for baptism of infants will be July 25 and August 29. Parents must meet with Victoria and attend a class prior to the baptism. If you are interested in having your child baptized, contact Victoria at the parish office.

StrengthsFinder

Are you interested in learning more about your God-given talents/strengths and how to use them in your relationships, work, and our community? The introductory meeting will be on Wednesday, August 18 and the follow-up/discussion of results meeting will be on Wednesday, September 1, both from 7-8:30pm. The cost of the book for the assessment is \$15. Call or email Victoria to register for the evenings.

Safe Environment Training

Anyone who volunteers with children or vulnerable adults must take the Safe Environment Training. There will be a training session on Wednesday, August 25 at 7pm in Victoria Hall.

Sr. High Open Gym – Wednesday Night

Victoria Hall Gym will be open from 8-10pm on Wednesday evenings this summer. Invite your friends and come play basketball, volleyball, or anything else. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

Vacation Bible School – HELP!

We are looking for nautical items of all sorts to use as props for the VBS. A ships wheel, ships bell, ropes, sail, a dingy, compass, telescope, etc. Please let us know if you are able to loan us any of these items. Also, We are looking for creative minds to help us visualize (and perhaps create) the props for our "high seas adventure" as well as teachers. Your talents and vision are much needed. Please contact ShannonFleming@stcatherineparish.net or (206) 524-8800 ex. 110