

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

..... *A Word from Victoria*

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 Mass: 8:30, Pancake Breakfast/Ministries
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 Mass: 10:30, Pancake Breakfast/Ministries
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 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 7 Monday**
 Communion Service: 9am - Church
 Pastoral Council Discernment: 6pm - Benincasa
- 8 Tuesday**
 Mass: 9am - Church
 Altar Society Lunch: 12pm - Betty Kern's house
 Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 9 Wednesday**
 Communion Service: 9am - Church
 School Commission: 6pm
- 10 Thursday**
 Mass: 9am - Church
 Choir: 7pm - Church
- 11 Friday**
 School Mass: 9am - Church
- 12 Saturday**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm
 Mass: 5pm
 AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 13 11th Sunday**
 Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
 Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

One of my favorite books on church has on its cover the Rublev icon of the Trinity, a copy of which is in the center of our icon screen. The title of the book is *After Our Likeness*. The author believes that church is "after the likeness of God." In other words, the church is "created in the likeness of God" and reveals God.

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity. This week we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast is not only a celebration of the gift of the Eucharist, but also of the church. Another favorite book is entitled *The Eucharist Makes the Church*. The title alone makes clear this two-fold understanding of today's feast.

The Church in her wisdom has put these feasts one after the other as a way to help us understand the connection between who God is and who we are as church. Last week, I wrote of three characteristics of the Trinity: distinct identity in relationship, radical equality of persons, and communion of life and love. It took the church several centuries to come to this understanding. All three points were contested and there was great passion in the discussion. The church, "after the likeness" of God, is composed of people who are distinct in who we are and in our gifts, equal by virtue of their baptism, and in communion with one another.

This is a good description of who we at St. Catherine try to be as a community. Just as there are three distinct and equal persons in the Trinity who share life together, so we are a communion of persons who are distinct from one another yet equal in baptism. Lest this sound too abstract, we can easily see how this is lived out in our community. We could never do all that we do without the differing gifts of each person. I am always amazed that the right person seems to step forward with the rights gifts at the right time. And it is never one person; it is many people offering their particular gifts to meet the needs in particular situations at particular moments. We can never say that we only need some people or some particular gifts. Each person and the gifts each person brings are important. We cannot say that the gifts of some are more important or that we only need the gifts of some or that the gifts of some are not necessary. We are all important in the community and we all share our gifts for the building up of our community.

Together may we be the church after the likeness of God. May others see and come to know the God of life and love in and through us.

Readings for June 13th
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13
 Galatians 2:16, 19-21
 Luke 7:36-8:3

PRAYERS

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| Bob Barone | James McNamara |
| Luis Batayola | Mary Roberts |
| Kay De Ambrosio | Effie Rohner |
| Evan Dubicki | Sylvia Sheehan |
| Martha Harris | Julia Simon |
| Frank Martin | Chris Young |

PRAYERS

Victoria

Announcements

Pastoral Council Discernment

Are you interested in serving in leadership in the parish? Consider joining the Pastoral Council which is the leadership body of the parish. There will be an evening of discernment to learn more about the council and to discern whether this is for you at this time. The discernment evening is Monday, June 7 in the Benincasa Center, with pizza dinner at 6 and discernment at 6:45. Questions, call or email Victoria at the parish office.

Baptism of Infants

If you are planning to have your baby baptized this summer, please contact Victoria to set a date. Parents must meet with Victoria and also attend a class with other parents. Contact Victoria to arrange for the class and baptism.

StrengthFinders

We have been using the StrengthFinders assessment as a means of discovering or becoming clearer about our God-given talents. This tool helps us to know ourselves, to strengthen our relationships, and to become good stewards of our talents in this community and beyond. There will be two sessions for those who are interested in learning more about StrengthFinders and in taking the assessment. This is a great tool for all relationships, for career discernment, for general self-knowledge. There will be a two-session introduction to StrengthFinders, that includes taking the assessment, on Wednesdays, June 23 and June 30 at 7pm in the Benincasa Center. There is a \$15 charge for the book, normally \$25 retail. For more information or to register for the class, contact Victoria at the parish office. All are welcome. Bring your friends, your partners, your family.

Elementary School Soccer & Basketball Players

St. Matthew School Auction 2010 is offering Soccer Skill Fun Day and Basketball Ball Handling clinics on June 19 and 26, respectively. Cost is \$25 per player. Clinics are 3 hours long and will be held at St. Matthew. To reserve, visit the auction webpage at www.stmattschool.org and see flyer with instructions. Or call Mary Segle at 206-200-1296.

Eucharist Celebration

The monthly celebration of the Eucharist will be held on Saturday, June 12th at 10:30 at Holyrood Cemetery. Father Ron Funke, S.J. is the celebrant. We invite all families and friends of the deceased to participate in this celebration. For additional information, please call 206-363-8404.

Parish Stewardship

May 30, 2010

Regular Collection: \$5,789.00

Annual Catholic Appeal
Pledged Amount: \$64,000.00

St. Matthew Sports Camps

Designed to develop basic skill, St. Matthew Sports Camps are open to all parish families. Camps meet M-F for 9:00-3:00 and cost \$100 a week. Basketball is June 21-25 and July 12-16 for Grades 2-6. Volleyball is July 19-23 for Grades 4-8. Soccer is August 9-13 and August 16-20 for Grades 1-6. And Soccer August 23-27 for Grades 1-5 8:30 - 4:00 PM Cost \$115. For information contact Mary Segle 206-200-1296 or St Matthew School Website www.stmattschool.org

Summer Day of Ignatian Reflection

The Ignatian Spirituality Center presents "Exploring the Heart's Frontiers: An Examen of Life's Hidden Graces" on Saturday, June 19th, 9am-3pm at St. Joseph Parish Center. The fee is \$45. Please register by June 16th. For more information, call 26-329-4824 or info@ignatiancenter.org.

Cabrini Ministry Training

Our goal is to provide parishes and local institutions with capable, confident, faith-filled lay ministers who have grown in their self-awareness, and who possess effective pastoral listening skills. We accomplish the goals by inviting lay people called by reason of their baptism, to recognize and use their gifts in service to the Church.

We offer Quality Training that includes 5 months of weekly sessions with emphasis on pastoral skills, along with ethics, self-awareness, and more. The training is offered in a variety of locations, depending on the need. CMT graduates are ministering in parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons; giving solace to the elderly, persons with special needs, the homebound, the homeless, the dying, and many more.

Plan to attend an Information Meeting on Jun 14, 2010 from 7 - 8:30 pm at St. James Cathedral Place. Please RSVP (or for more information) to Tom Curran at 206-760-0583 Ext 4 or tomcurran@cabriniministry.org.