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Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, Coffee Hour following
Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
Social Justice Committee: 11:45am - Benincasa
Mission Trip Meeting: 4pm - Victoria Hall
Youth Group Meeting: 4:30pm - Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

16 Monday

Communion Service: 9am
Finance Council: 7pm - Benincasa

17 Tuesday

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

18 Wednesday

Children's (4th-8th) Choir: 7:45am - Music Room
Communion Service: 9am
JustMatters: 6:30pm - Benincasa

19 Thursday

Mass: 9am
RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
Choir: 7pm - Church

20 Friday

Mass: 9am

21 Saturday

Altar Society Holiday Bazaar: 9-5 - V. Hall
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm - Church
Mass: 5pm
AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement

22 Feast of Christ the King

Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, Coffee Hour following
Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
First Reconciliation Class: 9:30am - Benincasa
Altar Society Holiday Bazaar: 9-1, Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

*Readings for November 22nd
Feast of Christ the King*

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

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

PRAYERS

..... *A Word from Victoria*

We learn by example. I always find it easier to learn something new if someone shows me or tells me how it is done. This is true whether I am learning a new sport or physical exercise or learning a new way to pray or a new spiritual practice.

My father was a great tennis player; I learned to play by watching him and being taught by him. My mother made our clothes, and I learned to sew by watching her and being guided by her. Both of my parents were very active in our parish, giving generously of their time and talent and treasure. They continue to give in every way to their parish.

I learned from them how to be a contributing member of a faith community. I hope that I have provided such an example for my children.

My parents sought to live in the way of disciples, in the way of Jesus. They allowed their love for God to shape their daily lives of compassion and service. Though they would not have said it in this way at that time, my parents lived a life of stewardship. They were aware of their many gifts. Perhaps this was true because they grew up in the depression and had known want and financial struggle. Perhaps it was because they knew that they had more opportunities than their parents had. This awareness was a cause for gratitude and for generosity.

We are more familiar than our parents were with the language of stewardship, though the practice of stewardship remains constant. We recognize that we have been blessed in many ways by God from our very breath of life to our particular talents to our financial resources. The call to gratitude and generosity is unchanging.

This is the time in our church year when we speak explicitly about stewardship, take time to consider our many gifts, and decide how we will share our time, talent and treasure in the coming year with our community and beyond.

Though many of us face some financial uncertainty, we still are very blessed. The invitation to stewardship is not to give in a certain way or a certain amount of our time, talent and treasure; the invitation is to give a portion of what we have received in gratitude to God and in service of our brothers and sisters. The challenge is the same though our gifts and resources may be more or less—to give back to God a portion of what we God has so generously given. Consider your blessings and decide what you are able to give. Do not give so much that you are financially harmed, nor give so little that it makes no difference in your life.

Our children—our own and the children of our community and world—will learn to be good stewards by watching us. May we provide a good example and teach them all that they need to know about giving thanks and giving generously.

Victoria

Announcements

Parish Picture Directory

We are preparing a new parish picture directory. To sign up, go to the parish website and click on the link for picture directory or contact Elsa Alvarez at 524-8981 or elsaalvarez@hotmail.com. If you can help with phoning or with welcome on the picture days, contact Elsa.

StrengthFinders

If you have not yet done the StrengthFinders assessment, please join us on Monday, November 23 at 7pm in the Benincasa Living Room for an introduction to the assessment and on Monday, November 30 at 7pm for an explanation of the results. This is a great tool to understand your own strengths and those of your family members, other members of the community, co-workers, and more. If you have questions, call or email Victoria.

Advent Wreath-Making

After the masses for the First Sunday of Advent: Saturday, Nov. 28 after the 5pm mass and Sunday, Nov. 29 after the 8:30am and 10:30 am masses in the Church basement. Listen to Advent music as you make your Advent wreath and join in other Advent crafts.

H1N1 virus and mass

At the present time, we are not making any changes in the mass, but we ask for your own careful participation. If you are sick, please do not shake hands at the exchange of peace, do not receive the cup, and do not receive on the tongue. Please wash hands regularly. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Victoria.

Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 26 at 9am. Please bring food for the hungry to stock our food closet. The collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul.

Catholics come Home

We are preparing to welcome Catholics and others to our community after the TV ads run during Lent. Our first step in participation is financial: to raise money for the TV advertising. So far, we have received \$2000 in donations toward our goal of \$2754. Thanks to those who have already contributed. We are still hoping to make our goal. If you can help, please use the Catholics Come Home envelopes on the tables at the doors of the church. Questions, ask Victoria.

Parents with Young Children

We are putting together an email with our current ideas and hope to get feedback from the group. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray or Crystal Koory.

Parish Stewardship

November 8, 2009

Collection Total: \$8,211.00

CYO Basketball

CYO sports is looking for volunteer gym monitors to manage the gym on Saturdays and Sundays for CYO Basketball games. Duties include opening/closing the gym, setting up the gym for games to be played, monitoring the games, assisting with the scoreboard, and enforcing gym policies. High school students are encouraged to volunteer (hours will count toward community service). Please email Kyle Wong at wongohana@q.com if you are interested.

Development Director at St. Catherine School

St. Catherine School has an immediate opening for a part time Development Director. Responsibilities include overseeing all fundraising activities including the Annual Fund; overseeing the school's Marketing Plan; chairing the Grants Committee; and developing an Alumni Association. Qualified candidates must have a college degree, experience in fundraising and marketing, and be an active, practicing Catholic. Excellent salary which includes benefits. Submit letter of interest and resume to Kris Brown, Principal, at kbrown@nwindlink.com.

Spirituality on Tap - Young Adults (21-35ish)

Expanding the Heart Through Gratitude: A Mini Art Retreat—Sunday, November 22, 2009 from 12:30-4:00 at St. Joseph Parish Center. For more info email deb@ignatiancenter.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org

..... *Social Justice*

Join us this Sunday at 11:45 in the Benincasa Center. We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Mission Trip Meeting This Sunday

Are you interested in participating in a life changing service immersion experience this coming summer? There is an informational meeting for youth and their parents this Sunday, at 4pm in Victoria Hall.

..... *Youth Ministry*

Sr. High Youth

Youth Group has begun and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome!

MISSION TRIP MEETING: 11/15, 4:00-4:30 in V. Hall

JUSTICE EVENT: 11/15, 4:30-6:00 in Victoria Hall

Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.