

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY

JUNE 7, 2009

Table with 2 columns: NO. OF CONTRIBUTION and AVERAGE OFFERING. Rows 4-28 showing contribution counts and average offering amounts.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS...135
TOTAL ENV COLL...\$3,040.00
LOOSE CASH...\$ 357.00
GRAND TOTAL...\$3,397.25
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION WAS...\$25.16
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK: especially for Jim Bowback, Wanda Yoerg, Veronica Powers, Gloria Kunkel, Marla Kracker, John Wild, Sarah Benhatzel, Brian Heitman, Carmella Crimaldi, Luigi Monaco and all those in hospitals.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Our departed brothers and sisters, especially Richard Brueckman, Raymond Butzek, and Ruth Klizek (mother of Fr. Duane Klizek).

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "you will meet a man...follow him...he will show you." Every child needs "a man" to "follow" who gives them directions, not so much by words, but by "showing". Father are called to "the man", the "show man."

Please check the appropriate box:

- 1 [] Join Class on Being Catholic
2 [] To Become a Catholic
3 [] To Be Confirmed (for Adults)
4 [] Need Transportation to Mass
5 [] Will Attend Spaghetti Dinner (please put no. of tickets on email address line)

Complete the information below and drop in collection basket.

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Address _____

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MDG/IOP Merger News

A committee is being formed to plan the Opening Liturgy for the New Faith Community of MDG/IOP. This committee will need parishioners from both parishes to create this opening celebration. If you would like to be involved, please attend the organizational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th at 7:30pm at the IOP Parish Center. Bring a friend and bring your ideas!

Special Mission
Salesian Missionaries

The weekend of June 27th and 28th, we will welcome Father Leo Ochoa, SDB, who has been assigned to make the Mission Appeal on behalf of the Salesian Missions.

Salesian comes from St. Francis De Sales, the Bishop of Geneva in the 1600's. John Bosco chose St. Francis as the patron of the first foundation because of his patience and charity, two qualities needed for working with youth.

The Salesians are a modern religious society of Priests, Brothers and Sisters founded in 1859 by St. John Bosco to reach out to poor and needy youth. Today, they are some 34,000 strong, working in over 130 countries around the world.

The Salesian objective is to teach young people various trades that will help them find decent jobs and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. The Salesians insist that the needy help themselves in whatever way they can, even minimally. They do not encourage dependence or paternalism, but strive to live up to the working maxim, "helping others to help themselves." To learn more, visit their website at www.salesianmissions.org.

A Prayer During Difficult Times
The Ship of Life

Steer the ship of my life, Lord, to your quiet harbor, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take.

Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can see the right direction in which I should go.

Give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your name we shall find comfort and peace.

Amen.

~St. Basil the Great

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, June 13th - St. Anthony of Padua

10:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass (Joseph & Sophie Suminski)

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 14th -

9:00 AM Mass (Ralph L. Bauer)
11:00 AM Choir Practice
11:30 AM Mass (Arthur Duszynski)

Monday, June 15th -

8:15 AM Mass (June Phillips)
7:00 PM Christian Mothers Meeting

Tuesday, June 16th -

8:15 AM Mass (Marie June Cole)

Wednesday, June 17th -

8:15 AM Mass (Parishioners)
6:30 PM Benediction/Novena & Confessions
7:00 PM Choir Practice
7:30 PM Opening-Liturgy Committee Meeting at IOP Parish Center

Thursday, June 18th -

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Friday, June 19th -

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Saturday, June 20th - Immaculate Heart of Mary

10:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass (Edward Roetzer)

Sunday, June 21st - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass (Chester Kromkowski)
11:00 AM Choir Practice
11:30 AM Mass (Joseph Zazynski Sr.)

Marriage Moment

Resolving an argument: Create a New Solution!

If compromise or co-existing won't work, try brainstorming new win/win solutions. It may take some time and creativity, but consider the alternative ~ living in disharmony with each other. Not only does this not feel good, but can increase the sense of feeling separation.

Five Ways to Keep Your Faith Strong: attend Mass as a family; pray together; make sacred space in your home; practice acts of charity; celebrate the family meal.

Catechism Questions for the Week

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

315. "What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick?" Having received from the Lord the charge to heal the sick, the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick and accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. Above all, the Church possesses a sacrament specifically intended for the benefit of the sick. This sacrament was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14-15).
316. "Who can receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick?" Any member of the faithful can receive this sacrament as soon as he or she begins to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age. The faithful who receive this sacrament can receive it several times if their illness becomes worse or another serious sickness afflicts them. The celebration of this sacrament should, if possible, be preceded by individual confession on the part of the sick person.

When Someone in Unemployed

In these tough economic times, unemployment affects everyone. Chances are you know someone who has lost a job. A family member, friend or neighbor..it might be you.

If you have never experienced a job loss, you may not understand how deeply it impacts people. You may feel unsure of what you need to do. The first step is to understand what happens when people find themselves unemployed.

Understanding the Emotions:

People who have lost a job often describe it as an emotional roller coaster. Your first reaction may be shock. Before long, reality sets in. You may feel upset, angry or resentful. You may feel embarrassed, especially if you were let go and others weren't.

It's only natural for people who are unemployed to miss having something to do every day. You may not know how to look for another job, especially if you worked for the same employer for a long time.

Financial concerns can seem overwhelming. Will you be able to keep paying the monthly bills?

Add to this a drop in self-esteem. Doubts about your own competence arise. You may struggle with depression or despair that saps the energy and enthusiasm you need to find a new job.

It's important for people who are looking for a new job to remember that emotions are just feelings that come and go. You have to find an anchor that will give you stability and that anchor is the virtue of hope.

Next week: Cultivating Hope.

(excerpted from When Someone is Unemployed, Our Sunday Visitor, Inv. No. P911)

Year of St. Paul Celebration

On June 29th the Pauline Year will end with the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year we celebrate the 2,000th anniversary of Paul's birth. Mother of Divine Grace will recognize this joyous occasion with a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 28th from 12:30-2pm in the Cafeteria.

Pre-sale tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner will be \$7 for Adults and \$4 for children 12 years and younger. They will be available from June 1st to June 20th. If you would like to order your tickets, please complete the "coupon" on page 2, indicating how many you need and place it in an envelope with your total cost. You may put it in the collection basket at Mass, or mail to the Rectory, or stop by the Rectory, Monday thru Friday from 9am until Noon. We will be sure to get your tickets back to you if you use the coupon! Any questions, call Judy Monaco at 684-1624 or Elaine Kishbaugh at 633-4677.

Catholic Charities

Arm your youth with truth about abstinence until marriage, and character values. Year-round FREE interactive programs are available to schools, community/youth centers, library programs, summer camps, etc. Call Catholic Charities ProjectTruth program at 716-332-3910 for more information or go to www.projecttruth.com. Start your youth on a successful path for life!

"Summer Salts"

This three-session introductory course on the Bible will be offered by Barbara Shanahan, director of the Catholic Biblical Studies Program, in the St. Martin of Tours Community Room on three Tuesday evenings this summer: 6/23, 7/14 and 8/4 from 7-8:30pm. The sessions will examine what we actually know about the Bible and what we SHOULD know. This series will provide a way to bring the "tang" of salt to our life of faith and our search for God. For info & to sign up call Fr. Art Smith at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 822-1250.

Happy Birthday:



- June 14th - Kimberley Rivera, Rebecca Hunter, Phyllis Sendlak, Herbert Stein
June 15th - Ian Hannon, Marilyn Denz, Edward Czapla, Evelyn Aquila
June 16th - Martin Klaffka
June 17th - Scott Seifert, Sharon Schaf, Lyle Reiner, Brent Filarecki, Irene Dojka, David Dietl
June 18th - Jayden Sujka, Catherine Schultz
June 19th - Norman Czarnecki, Dennis Klein, Judith Boris
June 20th - Michael Boyd, John Wild, Christopher Pilarski

RESPECT LIFE

"For many years I have been an outspoken advocate for the unborn child, because in a culture of abortion, the child is like a slave. The new civil rights movement of our time is the pro-life movement." Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King (Priests for Life Newsletter, July/August 2006)

By 6 weeks plus 2 days after conception the brain waves of an unborn child can be recorded by EEG (electroencephalogram).
~The Endowment for Human Development www.ehd.org

Parenting Perspective

June is a time of graduations and dandelions; weddings and lightning bugs; vacations and summer jobs. Whether you have babies or teenagers, take a moment today to notice something small but precious about your child. Sit in wonderment for a moment about the mystery of human life. Say a prayer for the gift of your life simply because you are a parent!

We Are Catholic, Let It Show!



HELP PROTECT MARRIAGE

The New York State Senate may soon vote to redefine marriage. The bishops of New York State have said that marriage is the fundamental building block of our society.

Bishop Edward U. Kmiec, bishop of Buffalo, is calling on the state Senate in the strongest terms to reject the radical social experiment of same-sex marriage and continue to recognize marriage for what it has always been and always will be and always will be ~ the union of one man and one woman.

“May Married Men Be Ordained Deacons?”

Yes! The Second Vatican Council decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to “mature married men”, later clarified to mean men over the age of 35.

Area Activities

~ St. Stanislaus Parish will have a Chicken Dinner, featuring Wendel’s chicken, on Sunday, June 28th from 1-4 at Marian Hall.

Ladies Day Out

Tour Niagara County Wine Country on Tuesday, July 2nd. Visit Viscarra Vineyards, lunch at Marjim Manor, shop at Gordy Harper’s Bazaar.

Catholic Climate Covenant

As individuals, as institutions, as a people we need a change of heart to preserve and protect the planet for our children and for generations yet unborn.

TIP: Plant a Tree!

In addition to providing beauty and shade, trees help absorb CO2! Just one tree can absorb thirteen pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Can I still attend Mass and take Communion if I’m divorced or wasn’t married in the Church?

Everyone—no matter what their situation or standing—is always free to attend Mass. Please don’t let questions of divorce or marital validity interfere with your regular attendance.

If you are divorced and have not remarried, you may receive the Eucharist if you are not burdened by a grave sin that requires sacramental Confession.

“Let us love as our heavenly Father has loved us”

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Mass Schedule:

Mon—Fri8:15 am
Weds...Benediction/Novena..6:30-7pm
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sundays.....9:00 am, 11:30 am
Holydays..... 8:15 am and 7:00 pm
Saturday...Confessions.....3:45 pm

Rectory Business Hours: Mon - Fri., 9am - Noon. If you need a priest, call anytime.

Fax Number :834-0335

Parish useful phones:

Rectory834-8488
Food Pantry.....835-0243

Business Manager :Judith Monaco

Parish Council:Michael Luksch

Parish Outreach ..Theckla Mullen...835-9489

Music:

Folk - Elaine Kishbaugh.....633-4677
Organ - Wanda Yoerg.....839-3329

Baptism - Last Sunday of Month at 12:30 PM. Call the Rectory to enroll in Baptismal Class.

Anointing of the sick... Sat after 4:30 PM Mass. If an emergency, call anytime

Marriage - Call Rectory for an appointment.

New Registration... Welcome! Please call the Rectory to make an appointment to Register.

Pregnancy Emergency Services:

Women Health Services.....853-4438
Our Lady of Victory Choose Life.....824-4709
Post Abortion Reconciliation.....847-8789
‘Project Rachel’.....847-2205
Pregnancy Hotline.....1-800-848-LOVE
Nurturing Network.....1-800-TNN-4MOM
Bethany Christians Services.....1-800-238-4269
Several Sources Foundation.....1-800-NO-ABORT
Birthright.....1-800-550-4900
Good Counsel Homes.....1-800-723-8331
Catholic Home Bureau.....1-800-592-HELP
Separated/Divorced (Link).....847-2209

Other Services in our building:

Alcoholic Anonymous.....853-0388
Kids Klub Day Care.....831-0550
Convent Apt.....856-4494-3037

Domestic Violence Emergency:

Haven House.....884-6000
Salvation Army Shelter.....883-9800
Safe Program(developmentally disabled victim of family member).....832-4444
Treatment - Catholic Charities.....856-4494

This Week At MDG

Mother of Divine Grace R.C. Church
120 Old Maryvale Drive
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June 14th, 2009

Corpus Christi Sunday

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many

The Holy Scriptures has two dimensions, one for the Jewish people and the other for us. The Gospel of today is an excellent example of this. The Apostles asked Jesus where he wanted to celebrate the Passover.

In doing so, Jesus was announcing that he is the Passover lamb and it is his blood that saves, not just the Jewish people but all of humanity who believe in him.

We, however, who are not familiar with the Jewish ritual, can miss this connection. Nevertheless, We can understand what Jesus was doing. He loved us to the ultimate sacrifice, the sacrifice of his own life.

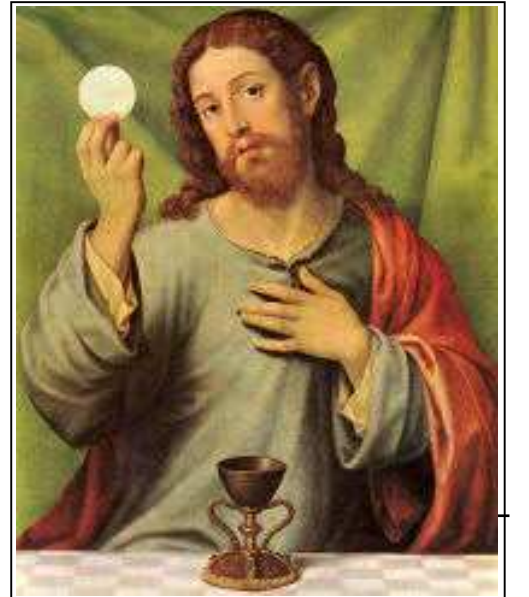
throughout the world. A Holy Sacrifice of Mass is being celebrated every hour of the day somewhere in this world.

What lesson can we glean from this sacrifice of Jesus? First of all, our unity with our fellow human beings. Since by communion we are united very intimately with Jesus, are we not then united very intimately with each other?

Thankfulness. When we reflect on the enormity of the sacrifice of Jesus for us, how grateful must we be. What can I give to the Lord for all he has done for me?

Forgiveness. Jesus has forgiven me much, how can I not forgive the little that others owe me? Thanks be to God.

~S. Paul Ayoub



Readings for the Week
June 14, 2009

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26
Monday: Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6
Thursday: Cor 11:1-11;Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9; Eph 3:8-12,14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: Cor 12:1-10; Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1,8-11; Cor5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

2009 Catholic Communications Campaign

If Jesus were on earth today, how would he spread his message? The CCC believes Jesus would use every means available, so it makes use of media outlets to evangelize and promote gospel values.