
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2006

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your response to the Bishop's Appeal last weekend; contributions and pledges can still be sent in as we try to reach our parish goal of \$59,069 and reach out to areas and ministries of the Diocese that are much needier and under funded than we are.

Congratulation to all the married couples of our parish and especially those marking the "big" anniversaries of 10, 25, 50 and 50 plus. Be sure to look over today's bulletin flap and check out the possible ways to celebrate.

Next weekend we welcome a special guest speaker at all the masses. He is Fr. Mario DiCicco president of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley. He will tell us about ministry at the School and especially how it prepares lay men and lay women for ministry and leadership. There will be a second collection to help support the works of the Franciscan School of Theology. Envelopes will be provided for those who wish, but if you use envelopes to be credited in our parish records (for IRS purposes) be sure to write your name on the outside of the envelope.

Our Diocese has just published its Directory of parishes and services for 2006. Copies are free and available in the vestibule after all masses this weekend. Our Parish Council meets this coming weekend on Friday evening and Saturday. We're really starting up a full two year term with no elections or changes in membership; so the Council will be developing a process to look at long range goals and hopes for the parish. Your Council members are: Marie Ascatigno, Alison Badrous, Frank Campanella, Tim Farley, Carl Feil, Sr. Joanne Gallagher, Mark Gotvald, Fr. Brian Joyce, Pat Kramer, Barbara Mader, Fr. Aidan McAleenan, Art Odom, Sharon Spiller, Mary Ragsdale, Carol Riley, George Vetek and Carol Young.

Believe it or not, **Lent** is coming up quickly. Next Sunday we celebrate the "burial of the Alleluia"; the following Tuesday is Mardi Gras or "Fat Tuesday" (say hello to diets!) and Tuesday March 1st is Ash Wednesday with masses at 6:00 am, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm and additional services at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. You may want to mark your calendars now for Friday evenings of Lent when we have a simple soup meal from 6:30-7:30 pm followed by an adult ed speaker at 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Our Ad Ed Committee has prepared an outstanding series of speakers. During Advent many of you appreciated and made use of the Advent Blue Booklets; we've ordered 1,800 similar **Lenten Black Booklets** which will be available after masses next weekend.

Your Pastor,

Brian T. Joyce

WEEK AT A GLANCE**SUNDAY****-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

-No RE Classes / No Children's Liturgy of the Work

MONDAY

-President's Day / No RE Classes

TUESDAY

-Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8:00am Mass

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE: Grades 7/8, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm

-Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, VCMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, contact Andy @229-3038

-Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE: Grade 6, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm / -St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Center, Chapel, 7 pm

-Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. call 932-0395)

-Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

-Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10 am

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-“Dealing with Cancer – a Parish Response”, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

-RCIA Inquiry, Ministry Center (Chapel & Dining Room), 7:15 pm

FRIDAY**-Parish Council, Ministry Center, 6:30 – 9:00 pm****SATURDAY**

-Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873

-Parish Council, Ministry Center, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

-Youth Ministry Talent Show, Parish Hall, 8-10 pm

SUNDAY**-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Pancake Breakfast, Gym, Following 7, 8 & 9:15 Masses**

-RE Program for 3 year olds (B), Room D, During 9:15 Mass

-RE PreK/K Program: PreK, Parish Hall, A,B & C; K Program, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass

-Children's Liturgy of the Work, During 9:15 Mass

-RE Older Sacrament Class (Gr. 6-8), RE Office, 10:40 am

-Jr/Sr Confirmation, Parish Hall, 10:45 am -12:45 pm

-Youth Group: Topic Night Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

Facilitators for the Small Christian Community Groups please pick up your packets for the Lenten Season today in the vestibule of the church. Any questions, call Judy at 229-2009.

Parish Pancake Breakfast by Knights of Columbus next Sunday, February 26th after the 7, 8 & 9:15 Masses. Children/Seniors \$2.75, Adults \$3.00 & Families \$8.00

What Can We Do? - When the word “cancer or tumor” is spoken to you by a medical professional fear is the emotion that comes to mind. Having had this experience and recognizing a need to address the concerns of our parishioners who are dealing with this very sensitive issue we are planning a meeting this Thur. 23rd of Feb. 2006 at 7pm in the parish hall. The objective of the meeting will be to openly discuss and identify ways we as a parish could respond pastorally to those living with cancer and their loved ones. Who is invited? Anyone living with cancer...anyone who is or who was affected in any way....anyone who might want to help. Fr. Aidan will help facilitate the conversation along with the pastoral team. Anyone with agenda items or offers of help please contact Fr. Aidan at ajmcaleenan@att.net.

The Grief Workshop is still open to those interested. The new dates for the workshop are Tue., Feb. 28th - April 11th, 7-9 pm in the Ministry Center. Call Sr. Joanne or Fr. Aidan at 682-2486 to register or email Fr. Aidan at ajmcaleenan@att.net to obtain additional info. The Divorce Workshop is in the Fall of 2006.

Winter Nights Kickoff – On Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 pm, we’ll meet to plan for the Winter Nights Homeless Family Shelter at CTK. Help Needed: Overnight volunteers, Meals, Activities, Janitorial, Laundry, Environment, Case Management, Financial Counseling. (WN from 3/27/06-4/10/06). Call Gwen Watson 930-9965, or join us on the 21st in the Adult Ministry Center Chapel. All parishioners are welcome.

Lenten Family Supper/Workshop – March 5, 2006. Lent begins March 1st, Ash Wednesday. We invite you to gather as a family on Sunday, March 5th, from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will celebrate the great opportunity Lent provides for family faith sharing! Bring the whole family. Don’t miss out – call 686-1017 to sign up. Give us your name, address, phone number and number attending. Don’t delay. Cost \$12 per family payable at the door.

Are you a Catholic in 5th through 8th grade, ages 10 through 13? Would you like to be an altar server? We are looking for new servers and hope that you are interested. We have 90-minute training sessions scheduled for March 17, 20 and 25. The sign up sheets are in the vestibule. The deadline for submissions of your form is March 11th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo Robinson at 372-060.

GET ON BOARD – We’re leaving for Treasure Island Vacation Bible Camp on **June 19th-23rd**. Registration will be on April 24th from 7:00-8:00 pm in Rooms A/B off the Parish Hall. Children **currently** enrolled in Kindergarten-Fifth Grade may participate. Look for continued information. Ho Ho Ho! Questions? Call 686-1017.

World Marriage Day

As one of the seven sacraments, marriage is central to our lives as Catholic Christians. The Church reflecting on this gift equates the gift of married love with the gift of Christ's love for his spouse the Church. Pope John Paul II referred to married life and the family as "the domestic church." In the light of this reality we want to celebrate the love that is present in your marriage.

On the 19th of February we celebrate this occasion by a special blessing at all Masses for all who are married. Additionally, we honor all who are celebrating their 10th, 25th and 50 + (meaning all with 50 years or more) at the 10:45 a.m. celebration.

Some have asked us the question, "what about the single, those who have lost a partner in death, or the divorced?" As part of our celebration of family life in the parish we endeavor to celebrate all aspects of life over the course of the year. In the last few months we had a Memorial Mass for the recently deceased members of our parish and in the fall we hope to begin a divorce/separated support group. A young singles group exists in the parish and we hope to foster all other aspects of our parish life. ***We are always open to suggestions.***

Possible ways to celebrate World Marriage Day:

1. We encourage you to do activities that will strengthen your own marriage, such as reading a book on marriage together or attending a marriage communication course or encounter.
2. Take your spouse out for a special dinner or find other ways that work for you to enjoy each others company.
3. Display your own wedding album in your home.
4. Attend a special church Eucharist. (2/19/06 10:45 a.m. Mass)
5. Maybe to bring your wedding photos to Mass.
6. Any suggestions for enrichment of marriage opportunities at Christ the King? (Maybe in the future we could have a Special Valentine's Day banquet, potluck, breakfast, or dance for all you married couples.)
7. Who is the longest married couple in our community?
8. We will offer prayers for marriage at all Masses this week-end and make these prayers available on our website.
9. Do you have other suggestions that would help with marriage care at Christ the King?

Happy World Marriage Day!

To answer any of the above questions or to put your name on the list of those celebrating a significant anniversary in 2006 please contact Fr. Aidan at 682-2486 or email ajmcaleenan@att.net