
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2006

Dear Parishioners,

One of the unique and exciting ministries here at Christ the King is called "LifeWorks". It's designed for young couples with young children, who in most cases have no extended family or network of relatives in the immediate area. They quickly become a source of fun and support for one another. Usually they have a once a month get together for learning/enrichment, and once a month gathering for fun and socializing. On Sunday afternoon September 10th, we invite any interested young couples, especially newcomers, to join us at the parish hall to find out more about "LifeWorks", to meet others and see if they're interested in joining in. That will be Sunday, September 10th at 3:00 pm.

Another extremely interesting and worthwhile evening is coming up on Tuesday, August 29th. We invite you to join us for a film, a brief presentation by myself and a round table discussion on Immigration Challenge and Reform. Immigration is obviously a pressing and controversial issue for our country and neighborhood today. Our Church has historically held a strong interest in immigration and public policy about immigrants; however it remains a topic we need to explore and discuss for ourselves. The August 29th evening will include a 30 minute film on the current immigration crisis at the U.S. border called "Dying to Live"; I'll follow with my own comments on our Church's teaching, plus remarks from our teens just returned from their own "border experience" and comments from our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers. There will be a round table discussion, time for a question and answer period, and all that by 9:00 pm! I hope any parishioner able to make it, will join us for the evening.

Good news! Our new Youth Minister, Kate Doherty, has arrived from Boston. She is in her office most days developing the programs and ministry for the coming year. Teens are welcome to drop in to meet her at the Youth Office or call her. We'll all have a chance to meet her at the weekend masses in the near future.

Finally, as promised several weeks ago, today's bulletin includes the results of Fr. Dibble's adult ed evening on August 8th. He shared his five favorite books (plus a brief postscript by myself) and his favorite "religious" movies. These are reprinted in today's bulletin foldout and posted on our parish website.

The website also contains his and my "top books" from 2002 to 2005. We already have plans for next year: two evenings where I'll share my top five books as Fr. Dibble shares his and then my top five "secular" movies and Fr. Dibble's "winners".

Your Pastor,

P.S. Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry continues to struggle with the budget and is trying to avoid any cut in services. As of last Tuesday a number of very generous parishioners contributed \$11,515.00 to keep our ministry going; I will keep you informed as to any other avenues we can find to continue without cuts in services.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY** -**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
-Summer Produce Harvest Continues
- MONDAY**
-RE 3 yr old - Catechist meeting, RE Office, 5:30 pm
-RE Pre K - Catechist Meeting, Room D, 7:00 pm
-Adult Education Meeting, Parish House, 7:30 pm
- TUESDAY**
-Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, following 8 am Mass
-**“Dying to Live” – An Immigration Dialogue, Parish Hall, 7:15 pm, All Welcome**
-Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CVMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038
-Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY**
-St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, Ministry Cntr (Chapel), 7pm
-RE PreK- Parent Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00 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), Following 10:00 am Mass
-RE Grades 1-5 (New/Returning Catechists), Parish Hall, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY**
-First Friday, Masses at 8:00, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes in October)
- SATURDAY**
-Men’s Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873
- SUNDAY** -**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** / Summer Produce Harvest Continues
-Second Collection for School, RE and Youth Ministry
-Taize Prayer Around the Cross, Hillcrest Congregational Church (404 Gregory Lane), 7 pm
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CTK M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) will begin meeting again this fall every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am in the Ministry Center. We invite all moms of the parish to join us at our first meeting of the school year on September 12th. We will be using the book *Bravehearts*, by Sharon A. Hersh to guide our faith sharing. Childcare is available. For more information, and if you plan to join us and would like to request a book, please call Heidi at 944-9843.

Grief Workshop – The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused and sad. These feelings may linger for years. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Your loss may be recent or it may be years ago. There will be a Fall Grief Ministry Workshop to help you begin the healing process. Dates and times: **Friday, September 22nd , 7:00-8:30 pm through November 10th , in the Parish Hall.**

There are 40 spots available. Call Sr. Joanne or Fr. Aidan at 682-2486 to register or email Fr. Aidan at ajmcaleenan@att.net to obtain additional information. Registration is required. We are also taking names for the **Divorce Workshop**, scheduled for **Nov. 10th through Dec. 22nd in the Ministry Center.** There are now 13 spots available.

Religious Ed 3 Year Old Registration - Registration for Sunday's 3 yr. old program will be on September 10th **ONLY**, after the 9:15 am Mass in the RE Office (facing Gregory Ln.).

Children **must be** 3 years old by **September 1st**. Because of limited space we can only take 26 children. Thanks. Questions: 686-1017, Sr. Maureen.

The Seventh Annual Msgr. Wade Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 29th at Boundary Oaks Golf Course. Dinner will follow at Blake's Restaurant. For more information call Steve Murphy at 932-7608.

Junior/Senior Confirmation Registration: If you are a Junior or Senior in high school, and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, registration forms and a calendar of classes can be found in the back of the church. Or you can download a form on our website at ctkym.org. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 676-0979. Registration deadline is September 10th.

Searching for a spiritual home! If your faith journey has led you to visit and worship with us, we invite you to our "no strings" Fall Inquiry Series designed for those wishing to explore the Roman Catholic community. Sessions begin Thursday, Sept. 14th. For information, contact Al Garrotto at 252-1008 (algarrotto@comcast.net). For a preview visit www.ckph.org. Click on "RCIA".

Religious Emblem Coordinator Training – The Oakland Diocesan training for Religious Emblem Coordinators is Saturday, September 9th. See insert for registration form. Also included is complete calendar of Catholic Committee on Scouting events. If you have questions, please call Laura Birnbaumer at 925-256-6390.

Chautauqua – The 14 Ethnic Pastoral Centers of our Diocese extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to our Chautauqua 14th Annual Celebration. Procession, Liturgy, Food Festival and cultural entertainment – a celebration to our cultural diversity. This year we will honor Our Lady of the Rosary, whose feast day is October 7th. The celebration will take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish in Oakland on Saturday, October 7th beginning at 10 am. Procession begins followed by a Multicultural Mass honoring Our Lady of the Rosary. The celebrants are Bishop Allen Vigneron and Bishop John Cummins. For more information visit the website: www.oakdiocese.org/ethnichtm.

**A Book List from Fr. Michael Dibble with
a P.S. from Fr. Brian Joyce**

1. **“The Case For Faith”** – crisp and smart responses to most-asked queries about the reality of Christ and the Gospels, done in a journalistic style; by Lee Strobel (Zondervan)
2. **“A Church In Search Of Itself”** – a compulsively readable account of the last Papal election and of certain cardinals who were involved; by Robert Kaiser (Knoph)
3. **“A Concise History of the Catholic Church”** – among the most modern perspectives on the 2000 years of the church to bring us where we are today; by Thomas Bokenkotter (Doubleday)
4. **“The Everlasting Man”** – A marvelous look at the human being of planet earth and of Christ who sums up all the awe and terror in the paradox of our lives; by G.K. Chesterton (Ignatius Press)
5. **“Sister Wendy’s Story of Painting”** – Glorious reproductions of the masterworks of art down through the ages, with witty and very idiosyncratic comments by a nun who is a prude about absolutely nothing, with Sister Wendy Beckett

Fr. Joyce’s P.S.: “My Life With The Saints” – a spiritual memoir that explores the Lives of 17 “saints” from Joan of Arc to Dorothy Day and Francis of Assisi, with the impact they had on the author; by James Martin (Loyola Press)

Fr. Dibble’s Top 5 “Spiritual” Movies:

1. **“Field Of Dreams”** – an Iowa farmer and baseball-player ghosts in a good mood feeling along with fathers and sons’ lifelong conflicts. Bring Kleenex for some wholesome weeping.
2. **“A Man For All Seasons”** – Henry 8th wants to dump his wife for a younger model but his head lawyer (Thomas More) demurs. Kingly rage and many acts of More’s wily courage and resistance - - are shown in vivid color and dialog. Lots of Oscars ensued.
3. **“Miracle Of Marcellino”** – a little-known movie about a kid who talks to Christ hanging in an attic crucifix. Much visceral laughter in his ingenuous attitude to Jesus and a child actor who will propel you to lean forward in your chair so as not to miss a flicker of the movie miracle that is his face and voice.
4. **“Shoes Of The Fisherman”** – a new Pope decides to feed the poor. His methods are what a lot of us secretly dream about. A long movie but BIG issues done with style and dignity. The cast is very internationally famed - - several big names in Brit acting royalty.
5. **“The Song Of Bernadette”** – from that era in the forties when stories about the Catholic Church got lots of box office loot for Hollywood in its prized and popular movies. It’s about the visions of Our Lady granted a peasant girl in France and the amazing healings that followed there right up to this day. Jennifer Jones got the Academy Award and even the most cynical agnostics said it was a winner, as is the film itself.