

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

September 12-13, 2009

WEEKEND OFFERTORY  
\$ 8,946.60

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*"In a word, priests exist and act in order to proclaim the Gospel to the world and to build up the Church in the name and person of Christ the head and shepherd."*

—Pope John Paul II

## R.C.I.A. MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 7PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic teaching, Christian values, and the development and

deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the parish community. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, returning to the Church or learning about the Catholic Church, you are welcome. Classes begin at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Please call Susan in the parish office for more information or to register, 682-4622 x11.



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTIONS:** "Every Child Brings Us God's Smile." On the weekend of October 3-4, we will celebrate Respect Life Sunday. The Family Life ministry will be holding Spiritual Adoptions during all Masses. All that you need to do is adopt a child in danger of being aborted and pray that they are carried to birth and for the child's mother. We will also have booklets on all aspects of the Family Life ministry for parishioners to take home and read.



We are currently looking for an adult to assist us with our **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** during the 10:30a.m. Sunday Mass. If you feel you would like to help out in this rewarding ministry please contact our office 682-4622, ext 15 and talk with Jennifer Stegner.

**ANNUAL STARFISH CHARITY GALA,** October 24, 6-10 p.m., Sandestin Beach Hilton Resort. Cocktails and social will be from 6pm to 7pm. Full course dinner to follow. Guest speaker: Immaculee Ilibagizia, author of *Left to Tell*. Musical performance under the direction of Demetrius Fuller, Conductor, Sinfonia Gulf Coast. Tickets are \$100.00 per person. Purchase online, or by calling Catholic Charities, 850-244-2825. For additional information, please call Catholic Charities, 850-244-2825.



**ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
**OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
10:00AM IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

## ADULT EDUCATION MADE EASY

Would you like to better inform your faith? Would you like something convenient, resourceful, handy and inexpensive? We have the answer; **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA.** Our Lady of Victory is presenting an opportunity to enlighten your faith with a series of media CD's on various topics pertaining to our Faith. These CD's are recorded by inspiring and notable Catholic scholars. Topics include; *A Guide to Raising (almost) Perfect Kids, Anger and Forgiveness, How to win the world without losing your soul, Becoming the best version of yourself, Seven Levels of Intimacy* and much more. Look in our Narthex for this exciting opportunity. Donations of \$3 for each CD.

**Catholic CD of the Week:**  
*How to Win the World Without Losing Your Soul*

**PARISH PICNIC**  
Sunday  
October 4<sup>th</sup>  
following the  
10:30am Mass  
**Come and celebrate**  
**54 years as a parish**



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
The nursery cares for children birth to 3 years during the 10:30am Sunday Mass, so it is an area in which we really need your stewardship of time. To volunteer, please call Elaine in the office @ 682-4622 x14 for more information.

**Dryer: Free to good and loving home. Call and leave message, 682-0850.**

Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church  
*presents*  
**"MATT MAHER IN CONCERT"**  
Sunday, October 4, 2009  
with guest "Out of Darkness." Doors will open at 5:15pm; concert begins at 6:00pm. Information & tickets available online at ..... [www.buildupachurch.org](http://www.buildupachurch.org) ..... \$19.00 in advance.

## The Priesthood Today

We're All in This Together  
Part 1  
by James Martin, S.J.

The Second Vatican Council, which convened in the early 1960's, beautifully described the role of the priest by noting three functions: "preach the Gospel and shepherd the faithful and...celebrate divine worship" (Lumen Gentium, 28). Interestingly, most Catholics may be most familiar with "celebrating divine worship," for example, the Mass. But the Second Vatican Council gives renewed priority to the ministry of the Word, which makes for a Gospel-based priesthood, and to the pastoral care of the faithful, which makes for a service-based ministry.

Many priests find themselves drawn towards one or another of the many models of priesthood that have been popular since Vatican II. For me, one that works well is the "servant leader." Jesus shows us what a servant leader ought to be when he washes the feet of the apostles at the Last Supper: "For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (Jn 13:15). That's part of the ministry of the bishop, too: the pope himself is traditionally described as the "servant of the servants of God."

The priest has a special kind of service to the faithful as the preacher of the Word, as the one who celebrates the sacraments and also, perhaps in a more hidden way, in his day-to-day actions: the quiet way he lives his own Christian life, for example, by being kind, loving and charitable. In all this he serves the faithful, and so serves God and the Church by being a servant leader.

We see that role of service clearly when we consider that priests in the Catholic Church are first ordained as deacons. The word deacon, as most of us know, comes from the Greek word *diakonos*, which means "servant." Service is the key element of priesthood.

Keep watching the bulletin for continuing segments of **The Priesthood Today.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Baptism preparation class held on the second Thursday by appointment. Call Joe and Kate Archer to register, 683-1935.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
Call the office, 682-4622, at least 6 months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
Contact the Parish Office at 682-4622.

**OLV NURSERY**  
Open 15 minutes before the 10:30AM Sunday Mass for children under 3 years.

**CATHOLIC CARE CENTER**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-12noon. 682-4032.



## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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| James Barnhill & family    | Darwin Sharp         |
| Bill Branch                | James Mills          |
| Jackie & Ollie Brauner     | Charlotte Millsbaugh |
| Betty Chisholm             | Tillie Naslund       |
| Lynda Cihanowic            | Betty Newell         |
| Dan Clements               | Hunter Norris        |
| Bridget Connolly           | Sonna Nowlan         |
| Tom Connolly               | Bob & Ann Olds       |
| Stephanie Daughtery        | Andy Raef            |
| Patricia Delaney           | Cathy Raymond        |
| Bill Fairbanks             | James & Oanh Rhodes  |
| Veronica Fuller-Echevarria | Wendy Riley          |
| Bill Gast                  | Randy Tripp Roth     |
| Sharon Gastmann            | Stephanie Rousset    |
| Barbara Hale               | Ernie Roy            |
| Raymond L. Harris          | Marie Sanford        |
| Robert & Patricia Hatchell | Kim Schafer          |
| Sharon Holler              | Christer Smith       |
| Pat Holmes                 | Del Stadts           |
| Matthew Horton             | Maureen Timoney      |
| Brenda Johns               | Lonnie Trowbridge    |
| Edward & Sonia Kasabian    | Danny Trujillo       |
| Ardis Kemper               | Betty Widmaier       |
| Julie Law                  | Bob Willis           |
| Megan Locke                | Janet Witzman        |
| John Lockedell             | Mary Wollam          |
| Kim Mickley                | Joyce Zallis         |
|                            | Anna Maria Ramos     |

Our troops around the world  
For all the sick of our parish

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, call the office, 682-4622. Names are removed after one month.

