

**Readings for the Week**

Go to [www.sacredheartrushcity.org](http://www.sacredheartrushcity.org). Access the Readings under "Daily Bread" or go to Ministries - Lectors and click the link at the bottom of the page to listen to the readings.



Tuesday, September 2, 2008

**\*\*Weekend Offerings \*\***

Envelopes (76)	\$1,860.50
Plate	\$ 843.10
Children (1)	\$ 10.00
Building Maint.	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,718.60</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$2,425.00</b>

**\*\* Church Donations \*\***

Youth Cake Pans	\$ 22.00
Rummage Sale	<u>\$1,555.51</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,577.51</b>

**\*\* Other Donations \*\***

Mission Appeal	\$ 105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>

**Prayer Corner**

We pray for our students and teachers as they begin a new school year. May the Lord guide them with personal satisfaction and enrichment.



**Fast Food Attitude**

"I know there should be an easier way" she said as she continued her work on all fours plucking weeds in her garden. She could have used Round Up or other herbicides to solve the problem. There could have been ways to avoid weeds altogether as well. However, she preferred the hard way. Most of us look for easy ways and short cuts. There's nothing wrong with that.

Unfortunately our approach to life too often seeks short cuts. Persevering effort, disciplined hard work, and self denying support of others are becoming increasingly hard to find. Peter, the favorite disciple of Jesus is our patron. He suggested easy ways for Jesus. Won't it be wonderful if Jesus could save the world by telling pithy stories, healing incurable ailments, fishing with his buddies and dying in a hospital bed at a ripe old age? That was not to be so. Peter received the worst rebuke of all for that kind of a suggestion. "Get behind me, Satan. You are an obstacle to me" (Mt 16:23-24). God's will for Jesus was the way of the cross. And he took it.

As we continue to pursue easy ways vigorously, God's ways for us could become extremely hard. We often attempt to be smarter than Jesus by bringing that fast food attitude to faith life.  
~Fr Xavier

**Respect Life/Pro Life Corner**

On the eve of the Pope's visit to the United States, it was reported that he had experienced the horror of the Holocaust first hand in the death at Nazi hands of a cousin with Down Syndrome. A Holocaust expert was noted that the medical crimes of the Holocaust "started with the acceptance of the attitude basic to the euthanasia movement, that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived".

~ Dr. Leo Alexander, *NEJM* article, 1949



## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, August 31

6:30 pm Gamblers' Anonymous

### Wednesday, September 3

8:30 - Noon Adoration

### Thursday, September 4

1:00 - 3:00 pm Cards

### Friday, September 5

8:00 am First Friday Mass

### Saturday, September 6

4:00 pm Lifeline

*"Do not think you are on the right road  
just because it is a well-beaten path"*

### Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of August 31 - September 6

Tuesday	8 am	McDonald Family
Wednesday	8 am	Walter Thomalla †
Thursday	8 am	Clem Peltier †
Friday	8 am	Joseph Kuntz †
Saturday	5 pm	Otilia Winter †
Sunday	9 am	Parishioners

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is customarily celebrated on **September 8**. This began in the 5th century as the anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica in Jerusalem built on the site of the home of Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary.

### Happy Anniversary!

James and Shirley Kirchberg (52 years)  
Eric and Amy Langworthy (14 years)  
Richard and Fern Vescio (53 years)  
Wayne and Marjorie King (55 years)



### Birthdays of the Week

**8-31** Chenoa Fields, Wayne King, Andrew Scierka  
**9-1** Helga Weinreich  
**9-2** Richard Schneider  
**9-4** Amy Karlsson, April Kjelland, Carol Niederkorn, Daniel Scheffer  
**9-5** Paula Belland, Ken Bergstad, Megan Drevecky, Julie Gilbert, Jodie Maher  
**9-6** James Cook, Kevin Hemmer

Happy Birthday

### Parish Staff Team Opening

Sacred Heart is seeking parishioners to apply for an opening on the Parish Staff Team. The position is Bulletin Editor/Public Relations. This is a great opportunity for someone with general secretarial and computer skills. Please contact Mary Petschl at (320) 358-4370 for more information or to apply.

### Teachers & Volunteers Needed

Do you have an interest in teaching or volunteering in our Faith Formation program? Please let us know at the Parish Office via email at [sacredheart@q.com](mailto:sacredheart@q.com) or call (320)358-4370. There are opportunities for a number of focuses.... secretarial, teaching, assistant teaching, arrival and dismissal manager, and many other things reaching age levels 3 years old through 10th grade.

We are blessed by the catechetical staff we have with many returning and new teachers stepping forward to donate their time and talent. So that helping to form our young people doesn't fall to only a few volunteers, we need more help. Your involvement in this important ministry is essential to our young people's development of their on faith journey.

### Labor Day

Labor Day is a national legal holiday that is over 100 years old. It has come to be recognized in the U.S. not only as a celebration of the working class, but even more so as the unofficial end of the summer season.



### Saint of the Week

**Sept 3** *Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the Church; † 12 March 604; prefect of Rome; O.S.B.; papal legate to Constantinople; as pope, noted for liturgical reform and chant; sent missionaries to England; wrote on many moral and theological subjects; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called himself the "servus servorum Dei"; patron saint of music.*

**\* \* \* Liturgical Roles \* \* \***

Go to [www.sacredhearttrushcity.org](http://www.sacredhearttrushcity.org). Access the Roles under “Ministries” and click on “Monthly Liturgical Roles”. Be sure to pick up your schedule in the back of the church bi-monthly. Please keep your date or find a substitute if necessary.

**Sr. Celeste Boda**

Sr. Celeste Boda, niece of Maddie LesSard and former parishioner, is recovering from hysterectomy surgery. Please keep her in your prayers. Anyone wishing to send her a card may do so at:

Monastery of Immaculate Conception  
Sr. Celeste Boda  
802 East 10th Street  
Ferdinand IN 47532

**Rummage Sale**

Our Annual Rummage Sale was a success. We were able to donate a portion of the funds from the Early Bird admission fee to Rush City Cares. A very sincere Thank You to all who donated items to sell, to Brad Cook of East Central Sanitation for donating a dumpster, and to all the volunteers who put in so much time making this sale worthwhile: Lil and Joe Wegleitner, Carol and Jerry Pariseau, John, Jodie, Max and Luke Maher, Connor Bergman, Al, Mary and Curtis Petschl, Jan Walsh, Elaine and Dick Schneider, Scott Friday, Rose Pelouquin, Brian and Joe Anderson, Tasha Truskolaski, and Wendy and Blake Cook. Many hours were involved in preparation and clean-up and our Annual Rummage Sale would not be possible without each and every one of you!

*~Judy Anderson, Rummage Sale Chair*

**Those Who Need Our Prayers**

Butch Anderson, Donald Dahl, John Gorman, Mike Granlund, Clarence McDonald, Betty Odendahl, Cecilia Ott, Jared Petschl, Renee Schmidt, and Vivian Peltier.

**RCIA**

**“Come And See”**

As we begin the process known as RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, each of us should be thinking of that someone who is just waiting for an invitation to come and find out what the Catholic Church is all about. Every one of us likes to be invited to a special event or to someone’s home. That’s exactly what invitation is – welcoming someone to our family of faith home, the Church, to share in those special events, the Sacraments. The one on one, personal invitation means more than printed words, media blitz, billboards, even skywriting. It says that someone cares enough about me to ask if I’d like to join their family. It is very possible that a friend, neighbor, or family member is just waiting to be asked.

Do you know someone who has never been baptized in any church, or someone who was baptized in a Christian tradition but does not participate in a church community? Or, is there someone you know who was baptized Catholic as an infant, but was not raised Catholic? These are the very kind of individuals who may be interested in coming and seeing what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

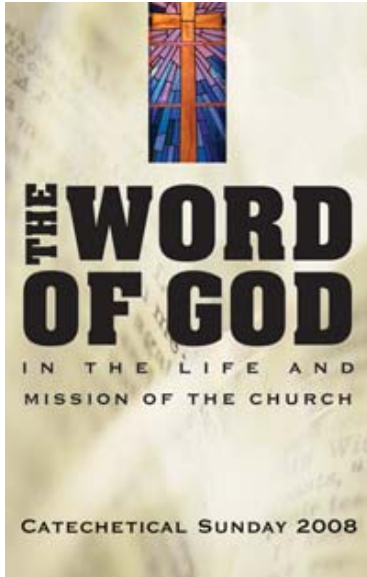
The first several weeks of RCIA are considered a time of inquiry, time for the participants to explore, to ask questions, to inquire as to whether or not this is for them. So there is plenty of time before one has to make any life-long decisions.

Please ask someone to “come and see,” and come along yourself; it’s guaranteed to be worth your time. See Deacon Larry or call (651)-462-5284 or the Parish Office (320)-358-4370 and ask about the RCIA process.

**Vocation Views**

Don’t run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less traveled road. “What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?”





## Catechetical Sunday September 21, 2008

### What do these words mean?

*Catechesis* is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which especially includes the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life". A *catechist* is one who engages in such religious instruction. A *catechumen* is one who receives catechetical instruction.

We will kick off our Faith Formation year here at Sacred Heart on Sunday, September 21 as we celebrate, along with parishes throughout the United States, Catechetical Sunday. This year's catechetical theme is "**The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church**". Parents and children, as well as our catechists, are asked to be in attendance that day.

### Faith Formation at Sacred Heart Begins Wednesday, September 17, 2008

#### Ages 3– Kindergarten

Will meet on Sunday for *Children's' Liturgy of the Word* in Wey Hall. The first class will be on Sunday, September 28

#### Grades 1-10

Will meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm

We will be announcing parent Faith Formation opportunities throughout the year. If there is a particular topic that interests you, please contact me. Parental participation in the Faith Formation process and continued personal growth in faith through opportunities such as parent Faith Formation can enhance faith formation for the family.

Registration forms have been mailed to each household. Please return these completed forms on the first day of class on Wednesday, September 17, along with the appropriate fees. The fees remain the same as last year: \$35 for 1 child; \$60 for 2 children; \$75 for 3 or more children. Parents plan on staying with your children for part of the evening. Parents should go to the grade of their youngest child. If you have any questions, please contact me at (612)849-8830 or by email at [djprudhomme@t-wheels.com](mailto:djprudhomme@t-wheels.com).  
~Debbie Prudhomme, DRE



### Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will begin its regular weekly practices on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. Practice will be held each Wednesday according to the Faith Formation calendar at 6:00 pm. All youth are invited and encouraged to participate in this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, meet new friends, and sing to the Lord! Please come on Wednesday, September 17 if you are interested.

September 17 at 6:00 pm