

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 (141C)
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10



FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Stewardship: A Call to Discipleship – Part 2

Last week I mentioned near the end of my column that the concept of stewardship involves more than just financial giving of our “treasure” but contributing toward the life of the Church as Christian disciples with our “time and talent” as well. When we see the “Three Ts” present in abundance in a parish what we are really seeing is the fruit of the Holy Spirit at work. Where they are absent, we do not simply have a budget problem. We have a discipleship problem and a real call to conversion. And so I mentioned in passing the need to participate in various lay ministries and work parties and such.

However, on a very practical level, financial stewardship cannot be entirely replaced by these others because payroll and overhead costs do need to be met. And as we more closely examine our facilities to document safety and maintenance concerns for the future with a five year plan of action in the months ahead it also becomes critical to set aside savings for major projects in the future. This act of stewardship is a team/family of faith process that cannot be done successfully by a few alone and as such, you will all be receiving a parish mailing inviting you to pray over your level of giving. In order to properly discern that, each household really should examine their overall budget and spending to see where your priorities lie because, as we read in Matthew 6:21, where your treasure lies there your heart will be also. It should be the desire of every Christian that the greatest treasure in our lives be our relationship with God and our gift of faith. If that is true for us then it should be reflected in our family spending and financial planning. The question for each of us to ask is, “Am I doing what God is asking of me in the area of stewardship, whether it be through my financial giving or through my volunteer work?” This is not meant to be seen as a guilt trip but as an invitation or opportunity and hopefully a joyful one too since God loves the cheerful giver!

The word stewardship, in Old English, means keeper of the house/sty. In the Greek (Oikonomos) one important additional concept is added...managing the household according to the mind of the master. For Christians, that means trying to contribute to the life of the Church according to the mind of God. In *Redemptoris Missio* (Mission of the Redeemer), Blessed John Paul II puts it this way, “All that we have received from God – life itself as well as material goods – does not belong to us but is given to us for our use. Generosity in giving must always be enlightened and inspired by faith; Then we will truly be more blessed in giving than in receiving.” Benedict XVI put stewardship in a more cautionary light in his Sept. 23, 2007 Angelus when he said that money/material wealth “more than anything else...has the power to lead man into blind selfishness. What is needed, then, is to achieve a kind of ‘conversion’ of economic resources: instead of using them for our own interests, we must think of the needs of the poor, imitating Christ Himself.” Finally, our current leader, Pope Francis has this to say on the subject: “In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us, but rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves but is given to us so that we may give it in turn (April 14, 2013). The wisdom of our recent popes invites us to take this challenge of stewardship seriously and to prayerfully ask God to guide our response with his heavenly wisdom.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2013

Medford OR – Corner of Biddle and McAndrews

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Please come and support this important witness for the unborn

**Parish Office Hours 8:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.
Closed 12:30 -- 1:30 for lunch**

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

We **will** be having Youth Confirmation with classes **beginning in January 2014**, on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall. Registration will happen at that time. Please watch our bulletin and website for information. There will be approximately 10 sessions focusing on Confirmation as the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Mission and what that means in the lives of those who receive this awesome Sacrament!

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Many more Eucharistic Ministers are needed at all the Masses! Come, join the team! You determine your own serving schedule, and it's easy to request substitutes as needed. There will be a training for new Eucharistic ministers on Thursday, October 10, at 3:30 in the church. For more information, please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you!

**Monday, October 7 to Friday, October 11,
there will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass.**

**We will have the 8:30 only as the Priests will
be at the annual convocation (priest retreat).**

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Oct. 7:	Larry & Louise Gorman
T. Oct. 8:	+Gertrude Marshall
W. Oct. 9:	The Batzer Family
Th. Oct. 10:	+Doris McVay
Fr. Oct. 11:	+Michael Porras
Sat. Oct. 12:	+Georgia Adams

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially: Celia Caporici, Joyce Farrell, Jason Stark, Evelyn Bocast, Theresa Matthews, Mickey Ketchum, Tom Wall, Pat Kelly, Jim Carrigan, Alice Ainslie, Leonard Krug, Louise Sutch, Alice Blenkush, Linda Blixt, Dennis Velez, Millie Zarosinski, Nanette Hall, Paul Zeleznik, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Jeff Leroy, Brian Chachere, Margaret Welk, Rosary Brooks, Calvin Schwenk, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Marion & Bill Owens, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish and for their families especially: +Theresa Parker, +Amadeo Manigbas, +Jim Rausch, and +Maria Cole.

LITURGY CORNER

“In the Scriptures, God speaks to us. Each person will hear the message uniquely, as the Holy Spirit reaches into the hearts of us all to place within them the message that comes from God. To work this miracle, God chooses instruments. God uses lectors.” (from Guide for Lectors, Paul Turner and Virginia Meagher, Liturgy Training Publications, 2006)

“With much excitement but also sadness, I have accepted a job in Arizona...and will be a reporter and meteorologist for KPNX in Phoenix. Not only is this my home, but it is also my dream to work for this station. I am so grateful for everything I have been a part of in the Rogue Valley, especially lecturing at Sacred Heart. Thank you so much for approaching me and helping me become a lector; it is something I know I want to continue doing. It looks like the last date I am scheduled to lector is Sept 1, which works out perfectly because I will be leaving the next day (God had this planned all along!). I am so grateful for my experience as a lector, and I hope more parishioners will be inspired to do it too!” – Krystle Henderson, former lector at the Noon Mass

We wish Krystle all the best in her new job, and invite **you** to consider becoming a lector, as did Krystle. To schedule lector training, please call or e-mail abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you! - Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE on "OUR FAITH"
Understanding what we believe and why is an important part of the
Church's Year of Faith's celebration.

What is the Magisterium of the Church? What does it mean?

The definition of the word Magisterium is: The living teaching office of the Church, whose task it is to give as authentic interpretation of the Word of God whether in its written form (Sacred Scripture) or in the form of Tradition. The Magisterium ensures the Church's fidelity to the teaching of Jesus Christ. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ, This means that the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome.

Yet this Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant. It teaches only what has been handed on to it. At the divine command and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it listens to this devotedly, guards it with dedication, and expounds it faithfully. Catechism of the Catholic Church #85-86. For complete discussion see: #85-98

What is the difference between the Apostle and Nicene Creeds? The Apostles' Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact; it is "the Creed of Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith."

The Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day. Our presentation of the faith will follow the Apostles Creed, which constitutes, as it were, "the oldest Roman catechism." The presentation will be completed however by constant references to the Nicene Creed which is often more explicit and more detailed. Catechism of the Catholic Church #194-196. For complete discussion see: #185-197. Both Creeds are on pgs. 49&50.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
11 YEAR ANNIVERSARY October 7th 2002 - 2013

Eucharistic Adoration is an ancient Catholic devotion where the Body of Christ in the form of the Host consecrated by the priest during Mass, is exposed in a vessel called a monstrance, and placed in the chapel for Adoration. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is an organized effort within a parish to provide Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When in exposition the Blessed Sacrament must never be left alone, thus Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration requires the presence of an adorer every hour of every day.

When a person commits to spending a specific Holy hour, once a week in the Real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament it is a very personal time devoted to silent prayer, reading spiritual material, making acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving and reparation. You may simply sit quietly in contemplation with the Lord. Time spent in Adoration often leads a person to deeper faith as your relationship with Jesus grows stronger.

Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mk 14:37

We would like to ask everyone to please prayerfully consider committing to a weekly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Open hours :

Saturday 12:00 midnight, 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m., 11:00 p.m., 12 noon

Sunday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Monday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m.

Wednesday 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Thursday 5:00 a.m.

Friday 1:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

To sign up for these or any hour or if you have any questions please call Dan or Sarah @ 541- 582-3717.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our drive is in full swing. Several ladies took time to speak with the Altar Society officers at the Hall last Sunday. There is plenty of time to sign up to be a member, active or inactive. Place your dues of \$15, in an envelope with ALTAR SOCIETY written on the outside and put it in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. When you make a donation to the Altar Society all of your donation helps to purchase the candles for the Altar, the bread, wine etc. Members, you are encouraged to invite a guest to our next meeting on Monday, October 14, in the Parish Hall, at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker, Father Carmelo. Potluck lunch served. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Recitation of the Rosary after lunch.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
All are invited to call down the mercy and goodness of Our God upon souls by praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet together after the 8:30 Mass; Monday-Saturday. 15 minutes well spent.

QUILT SHOW
Come join us as we showcase over 30 quilts lovingly made by women of the Rogue Valley for the rooms at St. Rita's Retreat Center.
St. Rita's Retreat Center
10800 Blackwell Road, Gold Hill
Sunday, October 6 -- 3:00-5:00PM

ROSARY RALLY
On Saturday, October 12, there will be a Rosary Rally at 12:00 at Vogel Plaza in downtown Medford. This rally is held in conjunction with 1000s of Rosary Rallies held worldwide. It is sponsored by America needs Fatima. Your presence would be a valued and powerful witness. The prayer intentions are for the conversion of our nation and for its various spiritual needs.

!!HOLD THE DATE!!
Saturday, November 2, a Dinner/Dance will be held. All proceeds benefit a new sound system for our Church! Dean and Dorie will perform popular music and a scrumptious autumn dinner will be served. More details to follow!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
Sunday, October 20th, scrambled eggs & ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and even French toast will be served up in the Hall. Come on over and enjoy with a cup of nice, hot coffee. Cost is \$18.00 per family, \$6.00 adults, and \$2.00 children under 10 years old. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
17th ANNUAL COLLECTIBLES SALE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th - 11:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Thrift Store 2424 N. Pacific Highway, Medford
"Thousands of Collectible Items"
Proceeds benefit School Supplies Give a Way.

Thank you Advertiser of the Week
St. Mary's School - Purposeful Learning
Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.
To place an ad call 1-800-867-0660.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

	Financial Report	
	<u>9/22/2013</u>	<u>9/23/2012</u>
Offertory this week	\$13,696.74	\$13,505.32
Offertory Received	\$201,682.02	\$206,367.44
Needed for Budget	\$216,663.47	\$226,886.79
Over (Under) Budget	(\$14,981.45)	(\$20,519.35)

God gives it all, then calls us to share.
Thank you for sharing!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please give your children the gift of enriching their Catholic Faith and enroll them in our Religious Education program at Sacred Heart School.

Religious Education Classes for Preschool -- 5th Grade at Sacred Heart School every Sunday 9:50 a.m. -- 11:15 a.m. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at the School each Sunday. The cafeteria will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. At 9:50 we begin with a Family group prayer session, followed by attendance. Children then assemble and depart for classes as a group at 10:00 a.m. Parents are invited to stay and talk with other parents over coffee and snacks; or help out in your child's class!!

Any questions or for further details contact Mary Stallard at Sacred Heart ph# 541-779-4661 ext 107

SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASSES

The First Class for Parents and Children is **Tuesday, October 16th in the Parish Hall 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. with Father Ken Sampson & Mary Stallard**

Baptized children entering 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th grade who are in their second consecutive year of Religious Education are eligible for Sacrament preparation classes for Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office weekdays or on Sundays at Sacred Heart School Religious Education classes.

This is a separate program from Religious Education classes and Sacred Heart School Tuition and therefore has a separate fee.

Please contact Mary Stallard for details and costs involved. Ph# 541-779-4661 Ext 107



SSACRED HEART CUB SCOUTS- for boys in 1st - 4th grade. If interested in finding out more about Cub Scouts please contact Cubmaster Tony Velho- (541) 778-1508 or Asst Cubmaster Mark Kantor- (541) 601-6208. **Sacred Heart Pack 1 Cub Scouts** will be selling Trail's End Popcorn after Masses on October 5-6th and October 12-13th. Please help our Cubs earn money to pay for programs and Camp. If you should have any questions please call Cubmaster Tony Velho- (541) 778-1508 or Asst Cubmaster Mark Kantor- (541) 601-6208. Thank-you for your support.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Medford, Oregon is seeking an enthusiastic and creative art teacher for our K-8th grade students. We are blessed to have a wonderful pottery studio and are looking for someone with experience in pottery/ceramics as well as drawing, painting, art history, etc. Please submit letter of interest, resume and references to principal, Shirley Gray.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Jog-a-thon- Our annual Jog-a-thon event is October 17th at Spiegelberg Stadium. Please sponsor one of our students (or staff) to help us reach our goal of \$50,000. We've reached 58% of our goal with 2 weeks left. We are so grateful to and proud of our students and the community, family and friends for the wonderful show of support for Sacred Heart Catholic School.



THANK YOU for your support in the recent **Sacred Heart School Golf Tournament!** We had 108 golfers enjoy the day, we raised SEVERAL more thousand dollars than usual, and we are so grateful for all of the sponsors, many donors and several volunteers. A special "High Five" goes to Dena Giuliani Hockstaff for your MANY hours of committee work. Thank you!!

We need your input— Each year we complete an ongoing review of different areas of our Catholic Identity to fulfill our accreditation requirements. This year we are writing a review on **curriculum** and **service** here at Sacred Heart Catholic School. We will survey our parents on their perceptions, but need input from parishioners as well. When you stop by for coffee and donuts on October 6th, we would ap-

preciate it if you would take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey. We realize you are not going to know everything the questions ask, but please *answer based on your perceptions*. The surveys we conduct come from the Western Catholic Education Association. We REALLY APPRECIATE your input! Mrs. Byrd's Kindergarten and Mrs. Gima's 1st /2nd grade blend will be hosting!

YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE WALK

The Holy Father Benedict XVI has declared the year of faith to begin October 2012 through November 2013. The Archdiocese of Portland has selected centers of pilgrimage. For us Southern Oregon Catholics, Sacred Heart in Medford was selected. Come and join us to celebrate the Year of Faith. Our walk will start in Shepherd of the Valley Parish, Saturday October 12, at 9:00 a.m., ending in Sacred Heart Church at about Noon. Upon our arrival we will celebrate the Holy Mass before returning to our homes. We ask that you make special transportation arrangements during and after our pilgrimage activity.

If you have any more questions please contact Father Jose Manuel Campos at 541-476-2240 ext 112
This is a bilingual event Spanish/English.

COLLEGE AGE CATHOLIC

Are you, or do you know of a student going to SOU? Tell them about the Walsh Memorial Newman Catholic Club. Come and meet new friends every Thursday for dinner and discussions. Find us on Facebook at SOU Newman Center or newmansou.com.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Come and see! If you are an adult who is thinking about becoming Catholic, or have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized, or are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received your First Communion, please join us at RCIA! Weekly **RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children meet every Tuesday in the parish hall from 6:30-8:00.** These informal sessions will introduce you to the Catholic faith without pressure or expectation. For more information, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org