

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9 (117C)
SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Community Safety is a Team Effort

Now that world Catholic news has slowed down a bit I have this wonderful opportunity to use this allotted space to address local concerns and opportunities. At times, I will cover catechetical topics on such things as morality, Catholic social teaching, directives from our Archbishop's office, etc. that are critical to the mission of our parish and the advancement of the Gospel. At other times, like this weekend, I will address things of a more practical nature. Today, the topic I want to address is community safety.

In a post 9/11 culture we have all been sensitized to the heightened dangers that are present in our world. Most recently, as a nation, we have experienced the Boston Marathon bombings, the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown Connecticut, what seems like the ever im-merging details of clergy sex abuse scandals and many other incidents that trouble us all as members of society. Sometimes the reminders hit a little closer to home, like the recent vandalizing of two churches in Medford or the several incidents within our own faith community during Sunday services in July that have necessitated police involvement. On several occasions during my first month here at Sacred Heart Parish individuals have had to be removed from the Church because they posed a threat or a disturbance to community worship. Incidents have involved public intoxication with alcohol/drugs, undiagnosed or untreated mental illness, disorderly conduct and at least one case of possession of a weapon inside the church. I mention this not to panic anyone but to acknowledge the problem and invite the community as a whole to greater vigilance. When we are all on the watch our community is safer and better for it.

In the past I have attended security conferences that focused on risk management and reduction, emergency response and crisis intervention at both the parish and school levels. On July 30th I also spent about half a day with local law enforcement representatives asking their advice regarding the increase in criminal activity in our campus neighborhood. Based on that information here is a

short list of actions that all of us can begin to take to improve our parish safety:

- Keep our parish campus weapons free. Even if you have an open-carry permit or a concealed weapons permit (unless you are an on-duty law enforcement officer) we do not want weapons in the church for any reason for self-defensive purposes or otherwise. Should a disruptive or violent person enter the church our goal as a community is de-escalation and gently leading the person outside the worship space via the ushers. Usually a friendly face, an open ear, prayer with the individual and/or food will resolve or deescalate most incidents that we would come across. If police involvement is needed, we want that to take place outside both to preserve the dignity of the individuals involved and to help create the safest possible outcome.
- As a parishioner, I would ask that you do not attempt to confront any individual who may pose a danger to themselves or to the community unless you are professionally trained to do so. I ask only that we all watch for individuals who appear to be agitated, unengaged in community worship, verbally abusive, or acting oddly or inappropriately, etc. If you observe such behavior and are concerned, simply get up quietly and walk to the vestibule or side entrance to locate an usher to report the concern. They may choose to "bookend" or sit next to the individual to keep a closer watch, gently invite them outside for conversation/prayer or step outside to discreetly call the police, depending on the circumstances. Since we are only a block away from the police department, officer responses are thankfully quick with our community and a trained professional can take over. To help facilitate this response, I will be meeting with all ushers to cover various response scenarios and to provide general response guidelines regarding safety and criminal or medical emergencies that may occur.

- Do not prop the adoration chapel door open while you are using it. And, if you are a regular adorer in our adoration chapel, do not give out the security punch code to anyone under any circumstances. Instead, refer them to parish office. We are seeing evidence of non-community members attempting to make use of the space for uses other than prayer (sleep, borrowing electricity for the charging of electronic devices, etc.) . We will periodically change the punch code to control access but we need your assistance in keeping the space safe by keeping chapel access secure.
- Do not give money to panhandlers who camp out in front of the church on the weekend making requests to parishioners as they depart. We already have meal cards and other resources in place to assist with legitimate requests. These individuals can be intimidating and they are inappropriately preying on your goodwill at a vulnerable time. Giving these individuals money only encourages this inappropriate behavior. If you are not sure how to handle these requests, simply refer them to the priest celebrant after mass.

- Finally, if you witness illegal or potentially dangerous activity taking place on our parish campus, you can help us immensely by reporting it immediately to a staff member or key volunteer.

In addition to these things, the parish has plans in place to incrementally make our parish campus safer. I have plans in place to relocate our food distribution away from the school location. We received a safety grant to install nine security cameras to deter loitering and criminal activity. Our 2nd phase of landscaping improvements will include upgraded lighting and the use of pavers and barriers to deter skateboarders, etc. And we continue to expand the use of background checks and child safe-environment training. The approach to safety I like to take is to always be asking the question, “What is one more thing we can be doing to improve safety?”. Your assistance in achieving this goal is greatly appreciated because community safety is a team effort. If you have other safety concerns or suggestions for security improvement please contact our parish office.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
A Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., (no 12:10) and 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass is at 7:00 p.m..

NEW
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING
Please consider serving your parish as a Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Minister, for short). Your help is much needed! With our online scheduling program, you control when you are scheduled, and it's easy to arrange subs. There will be a training for new Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday, August 21, at 3:30 in the church, or please contact Ann Brophy at the parish office or abrophy@shcs.org to schedule a different time. Thank you so much for answering this call.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mk 14: 3

To sign up for an hour of Adoration, please call Dan or Sarah Rice at 541-582-3717.

INSTALLATION MASS

Sunday, August 18th at the 5:00 Mass, Vicariate Vicar Father Bill Holtzinger will officially install Father Ken Sampson as the pastor of Sacred Heart parish. The Mass will be bilingual. Thank you for welcoming and supporting our new pastor in the days and months ahead!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

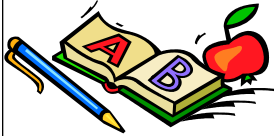
For the **annual "School Supplies Give-Away"**- (K-12) **Volunteers are needed** as greeters, screeners, baggers, set-up and clean-up.
Set up and bagging on **THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY -- AUGUST 22-24.**
"Give Away" is

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY -- AUGUST 26-30.

Please call Laura Grosz - (541-770-2019) or volunteer coordinator (541-772-3828 Ext. 7)

Thanks for "helping hands".

In 2012 over 4,100 **area children** were given "grade specific" basic school supplies.



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2424 N. Pacific Hwy. 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. Aug. 12: +Dora Wardleigh
- T. Aug. 13: Fr Kelly Vandehey
- W. Aug. 14: Fr Kelly Vandehey
- Th. Aug. 15: Holy Day
- Fr. Aug. 16: Ed & Mary Jo Baich

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

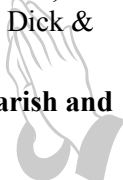
- M. Aug. 12: St. Anne's Altar Society
- T. Aug. 13: +Scott Schmader
- W. Aug. 14: +Orville Thorsteinson
- Th. Aug. 15: Holy Day
- Fr. Aug. 16: +Douglas McKee
- Sat. Aug. 17: +Morries Garbarini

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Indelisa Garay, Leonard Krug, Sylvia Stern, Louise Sutch, Alice Blenkush, Linda Blixt, Louis Buckley, Dennis Velez, Millie Zorosinski, Nanette Hall, Paul Zeleznik, Marge Kearney, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Loretta Thrun, Patricia Wittenbrock, Celia Caporicci, Jeff Leroy, Eileen Van Dyck, Brian Chachere, Margaret Welk, Rosary Brooks, Mickey Ketchum, Calvin Schwenk, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, John Preston, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Marion & Bill Owens, and Dick & Beverly Handley and Alice Ainslie.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish and for their families, especially:

+Ed Patchett, and +Bobbie Griffiths.



HELP NEEDED

FOR MAGDALENE HOME REUNION!

Magdalene Home is proud to be hosting its *FIRST EVER Reunion for All Residents and Staff* Saturday, August 17. We have many former residents who are excited to come, but need bus transportation from afar.

Would you be willing to donate, so that one of our young mothers and their children can come and revisit the Home that changed their lives? Many of these little ones have never really "seen" their first home - the home where they were born!

We are very grateful to the wonderful Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus, who will be hosting a BBQ for this very special event!

Please call Tricia Prendergast: 541-941-2556 or leave a donation marked "Magdalene Home Reunion" in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

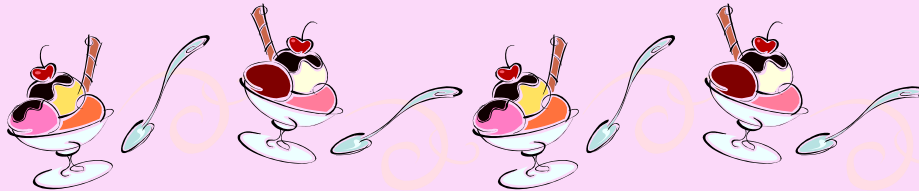
We also need a few home stays (rooms) for some of our moms and babies coming from afar. Thank you.

ROSARY SALE, SUNDAY AUGUST 11

Come see the rosaries for sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- all hand made by Sacred Heart Rosary Guild. If you would like more information or would like to learn this art of rosary



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SAVE THE DATE!!!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
1:00 TO 4:00 p.m.



SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The world view of Saint Francis of Assisi is desperately needed today. Is this why we finally have our first pope named Francis? Our local Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets monthly to take Francis out of the birdbath and follow his path to God and one another. We meet every third Sunday of the month from 1:30 - 4:30 in the Parish Office Conference Room to immerse ourselves in communal song, chant, prayer and study. The world is waiting for our You! Come and see! "Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks, and serve him with great humility."

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS



Produce Sale:
 August 11, 18, and 25.

Gardeners, please think of this sale if you have extra produce! All proceeds benefit the needs of our altar.

Multi-Cultural Fall Festival:
 September 7th at the Red Lion Inn.
 For tickets call Jane - 541-772-4182 or Louise- 541-776-2441. Tickets are \$30.

**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED
 MINISTRY**

We, the members of the original Divorced and Separated Christians, are offering a Support Program on Monday Evenings 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Church, 600 Beebe Rd., Central Point. This will be counselor led, with members of the founding board involved. This is a working group, providing emotional support in a safe setting with experienced staff.
 Contact Richard Jensen at 541-944-8018. Healing Retreats and skill building will be offered as the program grows.



USHERS CORNER

We have a second collection this week for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you Ushers for all you do!

PATRICIANS

A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP
 Our next meeting will be on August 19th, 3rd Monday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall
 Topic: Vatican II Documents - Chapter V
 The call of the whole Church to Holiness
 W/Father Carmelo as our Spiritual Advisor
 All are welcome.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

I will be unavailable during the month of August. I am attending Ministry Formation Week in Portland week 1 and then I will be in Australia helping my Mum with her surgery and recovery.

Religious Education Registration Forms are available at the Parish Office. I will return Sept. 7th and continue registration for Religious Education and **begin** registration for Sacramental Preparation Sept. 7 & 15th after the Masses.



SACRAMENT PREPARATION

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. Register with Mary Stallard on Sunday, September 7 or 15 after Mass.

OPENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need a Catechist or Team of Catechists to teach our Preschool group. There is a very easy to follow format and most parents stay to assist. Imagine the blessings that come with working with such a beautiful age group and loads of fun too!!

Every Catholic parish has one of its primary activities the duty of catechize its members. The word catechize literally means "to echo". Come be part of the "echo" and sign up to teach or assist with catechizing our children.

Children..Come and join us each Sunday morning and learn "how cool it is to be Catholic!" Classes begin Sept 22nd. You have to be in Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade to able to join the fun.

Parents "Think Faith First" and sign your child up for Religious Education this school year. Forms available now at the Parish Office. Sign up after Mass on Sept 7 & 8th / Sept 14&15th. I will be available at the after Mass sign ups or call the Parish Office 779-4661 ext 107

Thank you, Mary Stallard, Religious Education

SACRED HEART SCHOOL'S 13TH ANNUAL "INTO THE HEART OF THE CUP"

Please join us for a day of golf at Centennial Golf Club. Fun begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20th, 2013. Hope to see all of you on the course...playing golf and enjoying a lovely Southern Oregon kind of day.

You can also help out by buying a golf ball drop ticket or two; 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$5/ticket. **FIRST** place will be awarded \$1,000 cash or school tuition!!!! **SECOND** place will win \$200!!!!

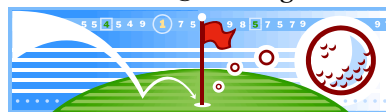
THANK YOU Dan Hawkins for your valuable sponsorship! Dan Hawkins of the Human Bean, is sponsoring our 5th annual golf ball drop this year. Quite a partnership that we are very grateful for. **THANKS Dan!**

Feel free to call me and sign up for a fabulous day of golf.

LeeAnn Loftin

541-772-4105 ext 119

laloftin@shcs.org



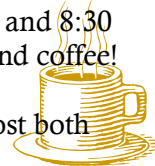
PLEASE NOTE:

SCRIP is sold from 9:00 to noon on Fridays, at Sacred Heart School -- enter the door on 11th and Ivy. A portion of each dollar spent on SCRIP is donated to the school by the business you purchase SCRIP for. Thank you.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come on over to the Hall after the 7 and 8:30 Masses and enjoy a yummy donut and coffee! Schedule of Hosts:

Aug. 11: St. Vincent de Paul will host both Masses.



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CATHOLIC CURSILLO WEEKEND

We invite you to make a Catholic Cursillo Weekend in the Southern Oregon area. Like a retreat, the Cursillo is a 3-day (Thurs night - Sunday afternoon) opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and a joyful community with approximately 30 fellow Catholics.

Men’s Weekend -- Sept. 26-29, 2013

Women’s Weekend-Oct. 10-13, 2013

Both weekends will be held at St. Rita’s Retreat Center, Gold Hill. For application visit www.natl-cursillo.org or call Ethel German at 541-756-4882, egerman@halibut.net Or call Mike and Ann Reese at 541-440-2234 or michaelann_2010@yahoo.com



PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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SOS !!! - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN MANY DEPARTMENTS !!!

ASSOCIATE TREASURER

training available, bookkeeping desired, but not required.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Councilors - training available.

THRIFT STORE

Receiving Dept., Cashiers, Sorters.



St. Vincent de Paul is an all volunteer organization that assists so many people in need. If you find yourself asking “What will I do today?” give St. Vinnies a try. You will be busy!