



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7 (135C)
SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Saying Farewell the Catholic Way
Part 3: Advanced Medical Directives

Over the past two weekends I have tried to communicate to you all the importance of making your own funeral arrangements “in the living years” as a compassionate way of lightening the burden on future survivors. This is as important as drawing up a will, purchasing life insurance or even telling family and friends regularly that you love them while you are still around and able to do so. One other thing that you can do though for both your loved ones and yourselves is to fill out an advanced medical directive. Because we all face the possibility that our own death, by God’s design, might be long and drawn out rather than sudden or in our sleep it would be wise of us to inform our loved ones of the extent of medical care we wish to receive during our final days should that happen. What I am suggesting is not opening the door to physician assisted suicide/euthanasia or in any other way, shape or form trying to take the place of God in determining the timing of our death. God alone is the author of life and God alone has the authority to determine its ending. However, one decision the Church leaves up to each of us as individuals is how much extraordinary medical care we are willing to undergo in our attempt to exercise proper stewardship in preserving the gift of life we have received. Within the limits of medical advancements, financial resources, Christian ethics and the laws of nature we may choose to exhaust all options available to us but we are also allowed to refrain from extraordinary care altogether, if we prefer, in favor of the dignity of a natural death. Advanced medical directives are designed to inform medical professionals of how far we wish to go in extending our life. Here are some things we should consider under this umbrella of Catholic medical ethics around end of life issues:

1. We do not consider food and water extraordinary medical care unless the specific medical condition we face as a result of our advanced terminal condition has caused our digestive processes to shut down. Withholding nourishment from patients who can process it is, in my view, a cruel form of euthanasia and a hastening of the dying process that we as Catholics are not allowed to undertake. However, forcing nourishment on a patient who cannot process it is equally cruel and can cause further pain and

medical complications. Each medical case must be weighed to make that determination.

2. The use of experimental treatments and/or machinery which aids in such bodily functions as breathing or heart function long-term is considered extraordinary care and can be refused with a clear conscience. Pope John Paul II made it clear to those who looked after him that he did not wish to have any extraordinary care in his final battle with Parkinson’s Disease, for example, and he is about to be canonized a saint later this year. Unplugging a respirator for a person in a persistent vegetative state is not killing them in the eyes of the Church but is instead allowing them to die a natural death with dignity
3. This brings me to the next point. The so-called “Death with Dignity Act” is anything but that and it is evil. Under no circumstances is a practicing Catholic permitted to make use of this form of legalized, physician-assisted suicide. This law on the books in the state of Oregon states that when a patient is judged by two doctors to be terminally ill with six months or less to live they are legally entitled to purchase from a local pharmacy a lethal pharmaceutical cocktail that, when consumed, will bring about their death. As Oregonians, we may be legally entitled to follow this path but we are never morally entitled to do so. There are so many things wrong with this law that it will require me to address it with a full article of its own in the future. Suffice it to say for now that, as Catholics, we see a value in human suffering. We work to alleviate what we can but with the suffering that remains, we help to complete the sufferings of Christ in our own bodies as St. Paul said. We offer it up as powerful prayer for the salvation of the world and, thereby, more deeply conform ourselves to Christ on the cross.
4. When it comes to alleviating the suffering that can be avoided, we are permitted to make use of medications for pain management during our own decline or in the care of other terminally ill patients. We are even permitted their aggressive use in cases of terminal illness where that same pain medication might speed up the dying process, as long as the administering of this pain medication is for the express use of pain reduction and not the specific purpose of the hastening of death.



Saying Farewell the Catholic Way

Part 3: Advanced Medical Directives, continued

Advanced medical directives, written and witnessed while we are coherent, insure that our wishes will be honored later should we become disabled or injured to the point where we are no longer conscious or able to communicate. Should any of you desire to learn more about this very important legal and medical option, please feel free to make an office appointment to discuss your concerns or stop by our parish office and request a copy of A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Issues.

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

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 23: +Ramon Bencomo
T. Sept. 24: +Laura Lee Libby
W. Sept. 25: Starr Davis
Th. Sept. 26: Father Kelly Vandehey
Fr. Sept. 27: +Francie Proulx

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Sept. 23: +Orville Thorsteinson
T. Sept. 24: +Joe Desjardin
W. Sept. 25: Carmelita Nelson
Th. Sept. 26: Viola Porras
Fr. Sept. 27: +Genevieve Holcom
Sat. Sept. 28: +JimBottroff

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Ed Cavasso, Jason Stark, 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, Celia Caporicci, 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: +Eileen Olsen.

LITURGY CORNER

“Prior to the twentieth century, very few people received communion at a typical Sunday Mass. Pope Pius X started promoting regular Holy Communion in 1905, and the practice caught on. It was this wonderful circumstance that caused the need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: the great desire to receive this sacrament, a desire expressed by more numbers of the faithful than at any other time in history.”

(from Guide for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, by Paul Turner and Kenneth Riley, Liturgy Training Publications, 2006)

“It was Labor Day weekend of 1985 when I first became aware of a call to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. Seated in the third pew from the back, I felt a tapping on my shoulder and saw a wagging index finger inviting/commanding me to move to the back near a confessional door. Uh oh! What now? That index finger was an extension of the saintly presence of Margaret Taylor. She needed a chalice minister at that Mass. I didn’t qualify for that duty, I replied. Margaret told me to just follow her quickly whispered instructions and Jesus would guide me through. She was right. What a change in my life. What a blessing that continues to this day and beyond. It would require several more pages to describe the endless blessings I’ve experienced since Margaret Taylor’s beckoning call to serve!” – Paul Stancel

Do you feel a beckoning tap on **your** shoulder? You probably do, because we need you! Please call or e-mail (abrophy@shcs.org) to set up a training time or sign up for training on Thursday, 10/10 at 3:30.

Thank you! - Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate

Sacred Heart Parish Community Work Party

-- many hands make light work! --

Saturday, October 5th -- 9:30 to 2:00



Join Father Ken and Father Arturo
in an Autumn clean up of the church grounds!

Proposed Projects:

Small maintenance projects

6 or more workers needed



Paint curbs

4 or more agile workers needed



Renovate Landscape in Parking lot we need as many workers as we can get. Bring your gloves, shovels, and weed-whackers



Nursery attendants

2 workers needed
Bring your patience.



Kitchen helpers

4 workers needed. Food will be served to workers so be prepared!

Please call the office and leave your name and preferred work area. We need a head count for lunch. Thank you!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our 2013-2014 season is off to a great start after our first Day Timers and Night Timers meetings, with good attendance and delicious meals. Our officers:

President, Jane Horton

Vice-President: Rosie Mendoza

Secretary: Louise Gorman

Treasurer: Eleanor Hammond

The Annual Membership Drive is now under way. We will be in the Parish Hall after the Masses on Sunday, September 29, to answer any questions about Altar Society and if you choose, to collect the annual dues of, \$15.

THANK YOU to our resident Seminarian, Norman Apo, our Guest Speaker, who shared his message of "Life in the Seminary".

WATCH: The bulletin weekly for further news from Sacred Heart's Altar Society.

2 QUILT SHOWS

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.

#1 SHOW -- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Parish Hall

Saturday, September 28

5:00 to 7:00PM and

Sunday, September 29

8:00AM – 1:00PM



Coffee and doughnuts will be served from 8-10AM

#2 SHOW -- St. Rita's Retreat Center
10800 Blackwell Road, Gold Hill

Sunday, October 6

3:00-5:00PM

Thank you to all the fabulous piecers and quilters, those who donated material, and all the others who helped out in so many ways.

St. Rita's is feeling your love!



FACILITIES KEYS

We will be re-keying most of the doors in our facilities the week of September 23 - 27th.

If you currently have a facility key, it will not work after re-keying. 

If you are in a Ministry that requires a key, there is a form in the office or on our webpage which needs to be completed and turned into the office for evaluation prior to a new key being issued.

The Adoration Chapel lock will remain the same. If you have questions, please contact the office.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, October 1st. We will begin by gathering with the community in the church for the Rosary at 8:00 a.m., followed by Mass. After Mass, we will meet in the Hall for a snack and some time for fellowship. Our meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Our special guest speaker will be Father Arturo Romero. Please bring a snack to share with others. **ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED.** May our Lord bless each of you.



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL gives a big **"THANK YOU"** to over 170 volunteers who helped with the School Supply Give-Away!!! With their help 3,952 Jackson County students backpacks were filled with school supplies for a successful school year!



Volunteers are currently needed as "DRIVERS" for the Thrift Store.
To volunteer please call: 541-772-3828 (Ext. 7)

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE as of 9/11/13

Sacred Heart Parish goal = \$74,454
Contributions received = \$75,476
101% of goal achieved

Thank you to the 548 households who helped make this happen!

On behalf of the many ministries that benefit directly from this very important appeal, we offer our sincerest thanks for your support that will help ensure continuation of vital and wide-ranging programs throughout the Archdiocese. Our parish and school directly benefit from several of the programs.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Fr. Emmerich Vogt is a Dominican priest who has been giving retreats for over 25 years. He is offering a retreat Monday thru Thursday, October 7--10. Mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 or evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Church in Ashland. No charge but free will offering accepted for his ministry. Refreshments after both sessions. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity for all in our valley.



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.

Sunday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 9:00 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., 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.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Financial Report

	<u>9/8/2013</u>	<u>9/9/2012</u>
Offertory this week	\$16,772.05	\$20,911.71
Offertory Received	\$174,600.01	\$178,269.79
Needed for Budget	\$180,552.89	\$191,981.13
Over (Under) Budget	(\$5,952.88)	(\$13,711.34)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

It's Not Too late.....

Religious Education Classes for children Preschool -- 5th grade begin Sunday September 22nd at Sacred Heart School. There are still spots available so please come and join us for a new and exciting fun filled year of Catholic Faith classes. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or at the school each Sunday. The School cafeteria will be open for coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. At 9:50 a.m. we begin with a group prayer, followed by attendance. The children go to classes promptly at 10:00 a.m. Parents are invited to stay and talk with parents or help out in your child's class!! Classes are 9:50 a.m. -- 11:15 a.m. so it fits perfectly with Mass times -- either 8:30 a.m. or noon!!

SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASSES

Enrolling Now!!!!

First Class for Parents and Children is October 16th in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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 from Mary at the Parish Office or on Sundays at Sacred Heart School Religious education classes.

This is a separate program from either Religious education classes or Sacred Heart School tuition.

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



FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:1-13

In this passage from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of a dishonest manager (unjust steward) who was clever at promoting his own welfare. Jesus used this parable to show his disciples that they needed to be clever when they witnessed their faith and talked about Jesus. He is not telling his disciples to be dishonest (like the manager in the story), but to be resourceful -- that is, to think of clever and different ways to tell Jesus' story and live out their faith.

How can we be clever or resourceful in living and talking about our faith? What can we learn from this parable? How can we avoid taking advantage of others?

SOU STUDENT INFORMATION

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. Learn more at the SOU Club Fair, Wednesday, October, 2 at the Newman Club Table, and then join us for BBQ on Thursday evening, October 3. Find us on Facebook at SOU Newman Center or newmansou.com.

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!



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Barnes & Noble Book Fair to Support Sacred Heart Catholic School!

We are in the planning stages of our Sacred Heart Catholic School Barnes and Noble Book Fair. Our Book Fair number is **11149721** and needs to be used on Saturday, September 28. We receive a percentage of all sales in any B & N across the U.S.A. (our number must be presented at sale)!! We also receive a percentage of all online purchases for 5 days beginning the 28th of September. Textbooks are also included in our percentage that day! We will receive 20% & up depending on total sales. There will be activities going on all day including storytelling, Lego's make and take at 1:00 PM, Puzzle Making at 11:00 AM, and more. Watch for more details!!! Contact family and friends with our number and school name anywhere! I would love for this to go around. We are also going to have a raffle for two nooks and are looking for someone to donate them. Contact Suzie at 541 772-4105 or 541 941-5761 for more information (email sschweitzer@shcs.org).

**JOB OPENING AT ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
GRANTS PASS**

Business Manager - 32 Hrs/Wk. + benefits.

Qualities needed: A love of ministry in a Catholic setting, excellent personal skills, can work well with committees, working knowledge of GAAP, record keeping, budgeting, financial analysis, cash flow, forecasting, banking procedures, and ability to create and interpret various financial reports as needed.

Management skills needed: Office supervision, facilitates and maintenance management, creative ability to manage and resource needed contracted services for parish facilities, grant writing, development, and promotion.

Other skills include proficiency with Quickbooks, Microsoft Excel & Word.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in Business-accounting with 3-5 yrs of experience. Will need to be flexible with hours as needs arise. Preference to candidates with skills in English and Spanish. Please submit cover letter and resume to searchcommittee@stannechurch.com by Oct. 15th.

Catholic Printery has an opening for a Bulletin Advertising Sales Rep for our Central/South OR Territory. If you are an assertive, self-starter who's passionate about your faith, people and **love** to sell, this could be a great opportunity for you! Primary responsibilities include: cultivating new advertisers via phone or in person while providing top-notch customer service to our existing clients. Must have home office.

Desired applicants have: Sales experience with polished people skills and are computer literate. Bilingual - **Spanish a +!** If you fit the above description, like to work hard, work smart and have fun, please forward your resume **and** cover letter to: bonniem@catholicprintery.com
No phone calls please.

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

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"If you yourself are at peace, then there is at least some peace in the world." ~~ Thomas Merton

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Come on over to the Hall after the 7 and 8:30 Sunday Masses and enjoy a nice, hot cup of coffee and a sweet treat!

September 22 Rosary Guild hosts both Masses

September 29 Catholic Daughters host both Masses

