



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B) SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-13
GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

Because You Asked...

Q: A parishioner shared that they were distraught about the behavior of their children and grandchildren, who despite having been raised in the faith have “fallen through the cracks”. Their question is, “Would you expand on Ezekiel 18 and how it relates to Church law in bringing up our children in the Catholic faith? Other parents are concerned about what the Church has to offer for these ‘lost sheep.’ (And yes, I have prayed for the intercession of Saint Monica as well as relatives who have passed on).”

A: In Ezekiel 18:2 we hear a proverb from the pop culture of the day back in ancient Israel. The proverb stated that, “Parents eat sour grapes but the children’s teeth are set on edge.” The pessimistic meaning here is that it was broadly thought that people suffered because of the sins of their parents or ancestors. Even the apostles, centuries later, were not immune to this error of thinking. For instance, in John 9:2 they ask Jesus whether it was the sin of the blind man or the sin of his parents that had caused his blindness. And people routinely pronounced curses on others up to the nth generation for added emphasis. But here Ezekiel passes on some game changing wisdom to the people that was actually quite pioneering for its day. God says to Ezekiel, “Only the one who sins shall die. The son shall not be charged with the guilt of the father, nor shall the father be charged with the guilt of the son. Justice belongs to the just and wickedness to the wicked.” In other words, God is teaching the Chosen People about personal accountability. As it applies to this parishioner’s question, a parent shares responsibility in the bad conduct of their minor children only to the extent that they are called by the Church to be their child’s first and best teacher. If they set a bad example or fail to teach right from wrong at all they

share in at least a portion of the moral culpability for the sins of their children. However, when a child has reached the age of reason where they have the ability to know right from wrong (the Church says generally by age seven), and especially as an adult, they are responsible for their own sinful choices. This is an insufficient answer, though, in my view, if a person was simply looking for a way to wash their hands of moral responsibility because Ezekiel also has this to say in Ez. 25:17, “Blessed is he who in the name of charity and good will shepherds the weak through the valley of darkness for he is truly his brother’s keeper and the finder of lost children.” And again in Ez. 3:18 Ezekiel informs us that if we see our brother sinning and we say nothing or do nothing to deter them then we share in their sin. The full answer lies between these two poles. Your children will have to answer for all of their own choices as will you as a parent or grandparent but this is also true...in eternity you will always be the parent of your children and the grandparent of your grandchildren. There are two earthly vocations that we believe will ring out in eternity. A priest is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. And a parent is also a parent forever. Along with God you have been a coworker in creating a life that has an eternal soul. There is a moral responsibility (and a blessing too) with bringing this kind of new life into the world. At a minimum it means continuing to pray for them and trying to love them as best you can now and forever. You are not in this alone though. Your extended adopted family is the Church. Our job is to evangelize and to leave the ninety-nine in search of the one lost sheep. Our parish has programs like Welcome Home Catholic and RCIA to help with outreach. In the mean time, never give up hope and never give up praying for them or reaching out to them in love.

*Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and they are presented to you anonymously. I hope this will be a useful learning opportunity for everyone and if you have questions of your own that need answered please let me know in person or email them to hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com.
Father Ken*

TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

You are the Helping Hands of our Church!

A Volunteer Appreciation Social , hosted by Father Ken and the parish staff, will be held in the **Hall on Saturday, October 24, after the 8:30 Mass.**

We have so many volunteers to thank — please come!

Whatever you do—take Communion to the sick, decorate, lawn care, catechists, liturgical ministries, office helpers, greeters, ushers, priest meals, receptions, repair jobs, music, funerals and MORE!!

With such a wonderful congregation we cannot name all our jobs that require assistance—but you know what you do — please come!!

We will party till noon in thanks be to God for you!

Please come and celebrate!

Sacred Heart Parish Priests and Staff

RSVP: ekralik@shcs.org

NOVEMBER 14 ADDED FOR PHOTO SESSION!

November 14th and a few other slots are available for photo sessions. Please visit, sacredheartmedford.org to find open sessions. If you have any questions call Marilyn Gradwell at 541-944-3985 or Elizabeth Godines at 541-890-2698 (Liz is bi-lingual). Thank you to those who are showing up for their portrait sessions and to our able hosts who welcome you.

4 Hosts needed to welcome parishioners and make sure their contact information is correct. Please call Mary Jo Baich at 541-734-3274 to sign up for these 4 time slots on November 14. Thanks again for your offer to help.

MILITARY PHOTO PAGE

If you have a loved one serving in the military please include them in our directory. Please send their photo, before Monday, November 2nd, to Sylvia Stephenson at sylviastephenson@yahoo.com Include their name, rank and the branch of the military in which they serve.

Their picture must be of high quality, with definition and contrast well defined.



7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Oct. 12: +Margaret & +Leo Kroll
T. Oct. 13: Peggy Maenza
W. Oct. 14: Legion of Mary
Th. Oct. 15: Sophia Presley
F. Oct. 16: +Dolores Harmon

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Oct. 12: Altar Society
T. Oct. 13: +Michael Porras
W. Oct. 14: +Augie & Family
Th. Oct. 15: Jason & Chelo Thomas Family
F. Oct. 16: Ron Vincent
S. Oct. 17: Rosalie Maxeiner

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Louise Sutch, Lucy Caro, Joyce Perreault, Judith Rosario, Peg Morgan, Joyce Farrell, Joanne Hafner, Evelyn Bocast, Jonathan Cotta, Patty Wittenbock, Don & Paul Zeleznik, Bill Schueller, Cynthia Sugiura, Ramona Rosales, Trudy Omann, Kathy Steiner, Frank Perez, Paula George, John Kuchler, George Halvorsen, Justin Berlandi, Marie Casilio, Vicki & Lorraine Harris, Shizuka McCue, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Eileen Van Dyck, Beverly & Dick Handley, Don & Jean Palese, Millie Zarosinski and Colleen Cantwell.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially: +Barbara Gentry.

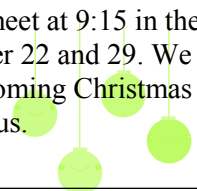
COME FOR BREAKFAST IN THE HALL!

Sunday, October 11 Breakfast will be served up by the Hispanic Community to help support the Lady of Guadalupe Celebration. Come enjoy breakfast with a Spanish flair after the 7 and 8:30 Masses.



DO YOU QUILT OR SEW? JOIN US!

The Sacred Heart Stitchers will meet at 9:15 in the Parish Hall on Thursdays, October 22 and 29. We will work on projects for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. All are welcome to join us.



PATRICIANS - CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

October 19th (3rd Monday of month) @ 9:30 AM
 Topic: Paganism and the War Against Life
 Father Justus is our Spiritual Advisor. Come have a coffee and a treat with your fellow Catholics.
 Ever learning, ever young.

OUR BULLETIN COVER

Our bulletin cover photo this month is courtesy of Marc Salvatore. It was taken at St. Mary's School gymnasium, on September 14, where Archbishop Sample celebrated Mass with Sacred Heart School and St. Mary's School in honor of their 150 years of excellence in Education in the Rogue Valley. Thank you Archbishop and thank you Marc!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE and BOUTIQUE:

November 22 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CRAFTERS:

Rent a table for \$20 to display and sell your crafts

WHITE ELEPHANTS:

There will be small table for items of this variety.

Call Louise Gorman at 541-776-2441 for info.



Meeting on Monday, October 12 at 10:30 Rosary, then meeting at 11:00, potluck follows--spaghetti provided.



**Sacred Heart Catholic School's
 2015 Jog-A-Thon**

Our annual Jog-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, October 16th. Running the track in Autumn with plenty of parents, teachers, and alumni on hand is one of the best fundraisers for our school! It is also our 150th anniversary so we will run with extra joy! If you are interested in pledging a student, please let Chris Sinclair, school secretary, know and join us in this great adventure! Thank you.

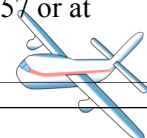
Congratulations Jeannette Henault

*Winner of the October Catholic Daughter Raffle
 \$100.00!!*

Call a Catholic Daughter and purchase a ticket !

PILGRIMAGE!

Please join Father Ken Sampson and fellow parishioners on our 2016 Pilgrimage to Poland, Austria, Czech Republic and Italy. There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, Nov 14th in the Parish Hall. You don't want to miss this incredible trip. Contact Beckie Kantor at: 541-601-4457 or at bkantor@hotmail.com or Lillian Lynch at 541-779-2134 for information.



Financial Report

	9/27/2015	9/28/2014
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	\$13,623.77	\$16,311.61
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$214,131.62	\$215,861.36
Needed for Budget	\$232,500.04	\$235,875.00
Over (under) Budget	(\$18,368.42)	(\$20,013.64)

Thank you to the parishioners who are using online giving. Our online giving program works great if you are out of town. Please see <https://sacredheartmedford.weshareonline.org>. if you are interested in using the program.

GOING DEEP

- OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Father Ken's class is on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:30 and 6 to 7PM in the Parish Hall. Question and answer period also.



Prepare to be enlightened!

Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 210

We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.

First 1000 Days: A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative

Meeting God Where We Are

from the Spirituality Committee

Our messages this month celebrate two very important times in our Church from last month: The World Meeting of Families, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit to the United States. First, parishioners reflect on the messages of Pope Francis. Then, in the first of two parts, Mary Stallard talks about the Domestic Church.

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"I cannot hide my concern for the family, which is threatened, perhaps as never before, from within and without. Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the basis of marriage and family." -- Pope Francis, address to Congress

I was glad to hear the Pope speak of this in the beginning of his visit. I believe family life is the foundation of our society and is under assault from many directions to re-define and minimize its importance.

Thank you, Pope Francis!

Barbara Ramin

" In big cities, beneath the roar of traffic, beneath 'the rapid pace of change,' so many faces pass by unnoticed because they have no 'right' to be there, no right to be part of the city. They are the foreigners, the children who go without schooling, those deprived of medical insurance, the homeless, the forgotten elderly. These people stand at the edges of our great avenues, in our streets, in deafening anonymity. They become part of an urban landscape which is more and more taken for granted, in our eyes, and especially in our hearts"

- Pope Francis, Homily Madison Square Garden New York

As I read the words spoken by His Holiness, they resounded in me; echoing a meaning synonymous with "I have walked a mile in your shoes". As I read on I was moved to pause, reflect and then forced to remember something I had long ago forgotten. The 'deafening anonymity' he refers to, I know that sound, intimately.

I could not help but recognize that his words carry reflections of characteristics so profound and honestly, sadly, human. I cannot deny that, by God's good grace, within our Pope resides a deep well of human experiences from which he draws. It is as if his words, his breath, possess truths which swiftly become alive and relevant. These images are real, they demand acknowledgement and we need as a people to realize that we *are* accountable for the way we so easily neglect and discard those that are not formally admitted into our lives. This statement is made for the voiceless, the neglected and the forgotten. His statement is one for us as much as it is for others. In order to welcome our neighbors we must know that we ourselves are welcome. We are each children of God, loved in every way, made perfect by him. And so it is that each person we meet, regardless of their journey, is perfect in God's eyes too. We must stop searching for purpose and become purposeful - for we are not alone here.

Christina Kruger

Sacred Traditions and Catechesis in the Domestic Church (Part 1)

When you think about your own family, chances are one of the first words to come to mind isn't *church*. Still, we know that our families, as the first and most basic communities of faith, are the key to our growth in faith. Our faith, or at least the roots of our faith, is a home-made "product". In a sense, the home is the "lab" where we live out what we learned in church and in catechetical settings. So one implication for our Children's Ministry program is to respect what God has already begun in our students' lives, and to ask students' about their experiences when appropriate. God is already at work in the domestic churches—the families of the children in our Religious Education program - and so we pray for not only the children in our program but also their families.

To introduce the concept of the domestic church, I often ask groups: "What has been the most important influence on your faith? (When the participants are adults, it's often interesting to ask them to answer this question focusing on their childhood, and then on their adolescence, and then on their adult experience). People often name some powerful traditions in their own family, their domestic church. The word *tradition* implies the handing over (or across generations) of certain practices for safekeeping, although each generation invents its own traditions as well. Our traditions are those ways in which we mark what is important to us, including our faith. For example, there are certain times and experiences we consider "holy ground" – just as Moses was told to take off his shoes as he approached the burning bush because it was holy ground.

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Traditions in our families mark the holy times that happen every day – such as nightly prayers, meals together, or a blessing by parents just before bed or heading out for the day’s school or work. The tradition of nightly blessing is something I often encourage new and not-so-new parents to adopt. There is something comforting and naturally reflective about being tucked in that reminds us of God’s love and a parent’s love at the same time. Holy indeed.

No tradition is more familiar than the family’s daily mealtime. In addition to grace before the meal, there are plenty of potential traditions associated with a family eating a meal together. Some families light a candle to remind them that Christ is the light of the world and is present when they come together. Other families have each person share the high point and low point of the day. When some of the children come to our Religious Education program they may not have had these experiences so it is important when we give snacks in our classes to at least give them a “taste” of prayer before and after a meal.

Besides the daily holy times, there are many times of the year that offer opportunities for traditions. For example, many parents celebrate the first day of school – complete with new clothes or uniforms and new school supplies – by taking a picture of their children. Many families include a blessing for the coming year school year and may even gift wrap the school supplies to make them more special. Other new beginnings – such as a new pet, a driver’s license, a new job, and going on a trip or leaving for vacation – are excellent times for a blessing or prayer. Some families bless each room of a new house, some families do a house blessing each year on the feast of the Epiphany.

Our traditions do not *make* us holy. Rather, they celebrate and remind us of the holiness that is already there in our domestic church.

- Mary Stallard

HEALING FROM ABORTION

Abortion has long-lasting, life-altering affects in the lives of women and men who have experienced it. To feel, deal, and heal from abortion(s), attend a life-changing Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat. Contact Project Aurora about the Nov. 13-15, 2015 or the April 8-10, 2016 retreats near Medford: 541-942-2861 or email projectaurora@aol.com. Para Espanol ilamada a Araceli 541-621-7047.

KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

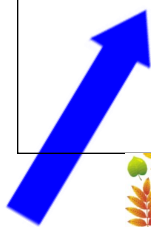
Consoling the Heart of Jesus Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has given us a prayerful "Do-It-Yourself Retreat." He brings together spiritual traditions and blends them in the pattern of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. There is inspiration in the quotations from the saints and in the principles of holiness they proclaim. Begin the journey to embrace the Divine Mercy of the Lord.

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SECULAR FRANCISCAN MEETING

The local Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be meeting every third Sunday (October 18) from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. If you feel the tug to enrich your faith journey to Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, you are welcome to come and see.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT OUR CHURCH

Sacred Heart Catholic Church seeks a Bilingual Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support, maintenance of parish records, and office reception for the parish office. This is a part time position (16 hrs/wk) working on Thursdays and Fridays. Primary responsibilities include: Recording and maintaining church sacramental records and parish registration records. Receptionist duties for parish office. Proficiency with a computer including experience with Microsoft Office Suite software and database software with keyboarding at 50 wpm and 10-key by touch. Excellent communication skills (verbal and written) in both Spanish and English. Ability to meet deadlines and to prioritize workload to meet demands is important. A high level of accuracy and attention to detail with the ability to maintain confidentiality is a must. Legible penmanship is required. High School graduate with three to five years' office support experience. Experience in a Catholic parish or other related entity is a plus. Practicing Catholic preferred. Send resume and cover letter to Marie Chandler, 517 W. 10th Street, Medford, OR 97501 or: mchandler@archdpdx.org.



SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Compton, Youth Minister: wcompton@archdpdx.org
Please e-mail Whitney for her **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

CORE RECRUITMENT EVENT

This Tuesday there is a come and see event for any parishioners interested in being a catechist for youth ministry. The number of youth is increasing and in order to support our youth ministry program we need more catechists! Come to our Core Recruitment Night Tuesday, October 13th from 7-8:00pm. Contact Whitney Compton for more information!

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35: To receive our e-mail please contact Whitney at wcompton@archdpdx.org. Our October e-mail will be out soon

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Classes are in full swing! Our fourth class is this Wednesday, October 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic School from 6:00p-7:30p. The Topic is; *Who is Jesus?* Class begins at 6:00p - please be on time. Weekly youth Mass and youth group remain a requirement; for questions, please contact Whitney Compton. Confirmation Youth and Parents: Please read the section, "XLT Adoration."

YOUTH GROUP:

Edge (middle school) 9:45a-11:00a.

Life Night (high school) will take place at Our Lady of the Mountain for XLT join us and all other Churches in the valley for youth ministry's monthly adoration!

XLT ADORATION: takes place THIS SUNDAY at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church from 7:00p-8:30p. Edge, Life Teen, and Young Adults are welcome to join us for Adoration. Following Adoration there will be a social that takes place from 8:30p-9:45. Parents are responsible for transportation or knowledge of transportation for their teens and are encouraged to stay at the event and enjoy adoration with their teen. There will be a sign in/out form at event for older teens that may drive themselves with the permission of their parents. Don't Miss Out On This Awesome Opportunity. This takes the place of our weekly youth group. Confirmation Youth are encouraged to attend but are not required to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We often associate October with the beginning of the harvest. The image of the harvest is a great one to help your child understand the beauty of our Catholic parish. Share the parish bulletin with your child. Our bulletin offers information about liturgies, outreach activities, parish organizations and prayer requests. Perhaps you will notice an opportunity for your family to increase the harvest by participating in special events or joining in community outreach activities. Help your child become aware of the love and care our parish offers in the name of Jesus. Sincerely yours in Christ, Mary Stallard; Coordinator of Religious Education



Please come join our Religious Education Program for children Preschool through 5th grade and their families every Sunday morning at Sacred Heart School 9:50am to 11:15am. We join together for prayers of praise and joy; outreach opportunities; fun Catholic Children's songs and opportunities to share our faith and love with all. Don't miss out! We always have room for more!!

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



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart School Garage Sale

Where: Sacred Heart School 431 South Ivy. Garage sale will be on the playground at the corner of 12th and Holly Streets.

When: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 9AM-4 PM

This is a fundraiser to help support the 7th/8th grade Washington DC trip in June.



Rising to the Challenge

This past Saturday, **Emma Schmerbach** traveled to Portland to compete in the prestigious **Nike XC meet**. Held on the grounds of Portland Meadows, the meet draws teams from over **eight different states and hosts more than 3000 runners**. Running up and down hills and jumping over hay bales, Emma ran a very competitive race and placed **5th among a very talented field of 275 runners**. Emma finished as the **top 7th grader in the field** and ran a **personal best time of 11:17**. Emma is now ranked **first in the state of OR among all middle school girls!**

Congratulations!!