#### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



FIRST READING: Genesis 14:18-20 (169C) SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 GOSPEL: Luke 9:11b-17

#### **FATHER KEN'S KORNER**

Q: Several parishioners have requested pastoral advice on how to deal with holy images, prayer cards, rosaries, holy medals and the like that come from a seemingly endless number of unsolicited charitable requests from various Catholic charities. The temptation is to simply throw the junk mail in the garbage can but these mailers often contain religious items presented as "thank you gifts" to potential new benefactors. If these items were thrown away does that constitute a sin of sacrilege or disrespect to God or the saints whose images are depicted on the items. Or can they be thrown away with a clear conscience? Is all of this concern simply scrupulosity or not? A pastor's advice would be greatly appreciated here.

A: I think most of us know someone who fits the description of these parishioners. They have the generous habit of making small donations to every Catholic cause under the sun. Their only reward (other than, of course, their reward in heaven) seems to be more requests from a growing list of Catholic charities, likely because these organizations sometimes share or sell their mailing lists to other charities. In following a similar marketing strategy, many of these mailers tend to include holy cards, cheap plastic chaplets or holy medals as envelope stuffers. For many, receiving these items is disheartening on two levels. First, they feel these "gifts" are a waste of their contributions since half of what they give seems to be coming back to them in the form of additional postage and unwanted items. What is more troubling for those with strong piety is that they feel they cannot discard any of these religious items (although they are not blessed) because of their religious nature. The junk mail pile tends to grow ever taller and they are unsure of how to respectfully downsize the junk pile? Well, short of requesting to be put on a no solicitation list I am not sure there is one correct answer here. It might help to first define what the sin of sacrilege entails, as it applies to this question, for those who would be anxious about that. Sacrilege involves "gross irreverence toward a hallowed person, place or thing" according to Webster's Dictionary. So the parishioners' question really involves asking whether throwing such religious items in the trash would constitute "gross irreverence" and if it would, what would be a more appropriate way of dealing with or disposing of these items. Although there does not seem to be one prescribed or required method offered by the Church universal for these situations I will offer you three brief options based on the pastoral advice from our parish staff.

- 1. If you do not want to keep the item, option one is to render it unrecognizable as a religious item and discard it. It you have a wood fireplace, burning the items might be preferred, or you can cut it or the same that applies to disposing of blessed items that have become old and worn out or damaged; cut it up or break it apart as you would with a blessed item before discarding it. The goal would be to avoid causing unintended scandal should someone come across a recognizable religious item in the trash and I would emphasize that this is considered to be the respectful option. Keep in mind, of course, that someone who hated Christianity might destroy holy items in the same way but the key difference is the intent of the heart (which means that proper disposal is never considered sacrilege).
- 2. Option two is to collect the items and periodically take them to your local parish or chapel and add them to the baskets which are invariably at the doors for such items so that others may help themselves to them. Some of these items can be shared at prisons, overseas mission or as religious education prizes for small children. However, in my view, it may also be seen as passing the buck and handing the burden on to your local parish.
- 3. Option three, (my preference) is easier. When mail is clearly falling into the category of "junk mail" I do not open it. Though there are certainly many worthy charities out there in need of support we are aware that none of us can adequately respond to all requests. We discern and select those that speak most strongly to our hearts. Other requests I discard unopened. This approach does not constitute sacrilege either because discarding unopened junk mail involves throwing away an unrequested mailing or letter and not a religious item. I have no religious malice in my heart when I do it and if someone finds this discarded letter in the garbage they are also only seeing paper trash and not a religious item that could be misconstrued as a sacrilegious act that might scandalize a person. Any response more extravagant than the ones I have suggested truly might rise to the level of scrupulosity. So take your pick or create your own solution and best of luck with your junk mail.

Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and 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

# FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATION!

This Friday, June 3rd, at 6PM, plan to join in the celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will begin with a procession into church followed by a bilingual Mass. There will be a picnic supper and entertainment by Ballet Folklorico after Mass in the hall. Volunteers to help with food preparation, set up and clean up are needed. Please call the office if you can help.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invites Sacred Heart parishioners to participate in the council's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Rosary Program. This Rosary will be offered on Sunday, May 29th immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us to pray for our Lord's protection from the many challenges to faith and morality in our country today, for the intentions of Pope Francis and for your families' own personal intentions.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. We will also be closed Wednesday, June 1st for an all day Staff Meeting.



On Monday there will be an 8:30 morning Mass but no 7AM. On Wednesday both Masses will be celebrated.

#### LEGION OF MARY

Come and observe the Legion of Mary meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. If this is your calling you are welcome to join us. It is a great privilege to bring Jesus' presence to the Parishioners who can no longer come to Church.

#### 7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. May 30: NO 7AM Mass T. May 31: +Janice Gnos W. June 1: +Joyce Farrell Th. June 2: +John Venard Fri. June 3: Ray Nouguier

#### 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. May 30: +Adeline M. Walker
T. May 31: +Daniel Caires & Family
W. June 1: The Batzer Family
+Bert Rostel

Fri. June 3: +Daniel Caires & Family Sat. June 4: Sr. Mary Pat Naumes

Congratulations to

Bill and Rosemary Schueller who are celebrating their 64th Wedding Anniversary today, Sunday, May 29th!

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Corinthians: 13:4-13

"Among pure mortals who can be conceived of as better than she who was worthy to be the Mother of God, who for nine months had as a guest in her heart and in her womb God himself?"

~~ St. Bernadine of Siena

## MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

How to Save Your Marriage Before Meeting Your Spouse Can you divorce-proof a marriage before it begins? In this top-notch presentation, Jason Evert shows us how to build the foundation for lasting love, and reveals how marriage preparation starts before "engagement".

Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50c Place payment in slot on lower right side of the kiosk

#### PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Denny Ferrin, Sharon Anderson, Monica Welcome, Loretta Thrun, Elfego Estrada, Pattie McCraney, Vicky Nuss, Lenore Manigbas, Gladys Schibusch, Sharon Sakraida, George Halvorsen, Marjorie Nave, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Reese Baker, Randy Gale, Diane Williams, Trudy Omann, Frances Maltoni, Joanne Hafner, Bill & Rosemary Schueller, Kathy Steiner, John Kuchler, Marie Casilio, Shizuka McCue, Beverly & Dick Handley, Jean Palese and EileenVan Dyck.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Florence Wortmann, +Dace Maddox, +Jack Joynt, and +Joyce Farrell

#### TECH CORNER

I have been using the I Breviary for several years. I Like it because it is always available to me on my Phone or pad, whether at church, the dentist office or waiting for someone. It has the full texts of the liturgy of the hours as well as the daily Missal or you can select the days readings, for study and prayer in preparation for Mass. Since I began using it, it has been expanded greatly. You have the option of scrolling or turning pages to read. It is possible to down load the day or the week. The prayer section has options for Orders, Congregations and Societies. There are numerous prayers and devotions to Blessed Mother Including the rosary available A sampling are prayers for the dead, for cemeteries and for Lent Prayers before or after Mass or meetings Prayers and Litany to the Sacred Heart, prayers for the Trinity and Divine mercy as well as Saint Joseph.

The I Breviary is available on both I Phones and androids. It is available as an android app at the Google store or at the Apple App Store

The longer I use it the more I find myself using it. Just don't forget to download the day before putting it in airplane mode. -- Carolyn Bottroff

#### YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church invites you to its pilgrimage to the Holy Door: Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday, June 11th, 2016. Pilgrimage will start at the Shops at Exit 24 at 10am and culminate with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 1pm. Please join us in our celebration of the year of Mercy, where all can experience love, forgiveness and hope. For more information, please contact Alma Rosa Alvarez at alvarez@sou.edu or at 541 944-0745.



#### MARRIED COUPLES

Jesus loves us so much. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on

August 27th - 29th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon.

For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at <a href="www.rediscoverthespark.org">www.rediscoverthespark.org</a>. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.



# HELP BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH GROUNDS

Wednesday Weeders are moving their start time to 8:30 to escape the heat that builds up by mid-morning in the sum-

mer. Please join us Wednesday for an hour of work and conversation. Meet some lovely folks and help enhance the grounds around the church. No experience necessary.

#### CONTINUING IN PRAYER

There will be a meeting for those interested in forming a Secular Discalced Carmelite Community in Medford. We will meet on Saturday June 11 2016 at noon in the Parish Hall. Contact Carolyn Bottroff 541-218-3906 or crlnbttrff@gmail.com if you are interested.



## **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2016**

Our Baby Bottle Boomerang program on behalf of the unborn involves you, our parishioners taking baby bottles to fill with loose change and other contributions, and then to return it next Sunday. In conjunction with Shepherd of the Valley and Our Lady of the Mountain, our goal is to raise \$15,000 needed for the Pregnancy Center's mobile ultrasound machine. Over \$100,000 has been contributed for the van that will house the ultrasound. The Knights, with a matching grant from Supreme plan to complete the project and acquire the ultrasound machine. The Pregnancy Center is a pro life, grass roots, Christian, nonprofit organization entirely dependent on private contributions which this past year served over 2500 expectant parents. Your participation is needed to make this event a success.

Thank you, Gary Andazola Grand Knight

#### SACRED HEART ANGELS 2 WIN STREAK IS OVER



It was nice while it lasted, but the Sacred Heart Angels fell to the team, Recology, with a 13-11 loss. They rallied toward the end after being down 13-6, but it wasn't enough. Lisa and Chuck Bock's 16 year old son Chris subbed and did great, scoring two in the park homers.

Come cheer them on next week on Tuesday, May 31 at 6 PM on Field 5 at US Cellular Park.

#### 2016 PORTLAND QUO VADIS DAYS CAMP

Do you know where you are going in life? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend *Quo Vadis Days* camp to spend some time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having a great time. *Quo Vadis Days* is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is led by priests and seminarians of the archdiocese

**Camp Dates:** Mon, June 20, 12 Noon – Thu, Jun 23, Noon **Cost:** \$50 registration fee. Scholarships are available. The Knights of Columbus, the Serra Club of Portland, and other generous donors provide additional financial assistance. If you would like more information on a scholarship, <u>please contact</u> the Office of Vocations.

Location: Camp Howard in Corbett, OR

**Requirements:** You must <u>register online</u>, - download and print out a hard copy of the <u>permission and emergency info forms</u> to send in with your registration fee. A parent or legal guardian must sign the registration form if you are under 18, send to: *Quo Vadis Days* 

Fr. Jeff Eirvin Director of Vocations 2838 E. Burnside St. Portland, OR 97214

## WANT TO REALLY LIVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Make a Cursillo Retreat Weekend.

Get to know Jesus Christ in a more personal way and live your Faith more deeply. A team of laypersons and 2 priests give a series of talks that combine personal witness with spiritual teaching. CURSILLO means "short course in Christian living". We celebrate daily prayer, Mass, fellowship and good meals in a comfortable setting.

**2016** Cursillo Weekends (Thurs. 6pm-Sun. 5pm) Held at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill, OR

Women's Weekend Sept 22- 25 Men's Weekend Oct 13-16 Spanish speaking Women Nov 3-6

For information/application contact Louie German (541) 756-4882 or Fr. Karl kschray@gmail.com.

the natl-cursillo.org/Portland website And also at of the doors of the Church.

## **Financial Report**

	5/15/2016	5/17/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	17,365.21	\$17,847.87
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$848,560.15	\$826,024.48
Needed for Budget	\$822,692.50	\$834,634.59
Over (under) Budget	\$25,867.65	(\$8,610.11)
% Over (Under) Budget	3.14%	-1.03%

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

## 2016 ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

We are getting closer to the goal! Please consider a gift to help us reach 100%. Thank you to the 447 parishioners who have made their gift/pledge to the 2016 Appeal. Sacred Heart parishioners have pledged or contributed \$70,362 toward our goal of \$79,271 (89% of goal).

Every gift means so much! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card and return it to the Church Office in the coming days. We would like 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Sample and our Catholic Church in western Oregon.

Thank you

#### SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY



Contact Whitney Godfrey, Youth Minister:

wgodfrey@archdpdx.org Please e-mail Whitney for her PHONE NUMBER

Congratulations to all who were confirmed on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016! May the power of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever!

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35: To receive our e-mail please contact Whitney at wgodfrey@archdpdx.org.

NUN RUN BAKE SALE: Again, we are very appreciative to everyone who helped support our high school girls who are going to discern their vocation and in a special way we want to thank our anonymous donor who gave \$3200 it will help this year's nun run and future vocational events with Sacred Heart!!!!!!!!!!

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASS:</u> If you did not receive your confirmation certificate please contact Whitney in the office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

#### YOUTH GROUP: Edge & Life Night on summer

**break**: Edge runs through the school year on Sundays 9:45-11am Life Nights run through the school year on Sundays 6:15-7:30pm

# SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM: Altaration: The mystery behind the Mass! CLASS DATES: AUGUST 15-19<sup>th</sup>, noon - 1:30pm!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: To register your teen in confirmation classes beginning this fall please contact Whitney Godfrey at 541-779-4661 to schedule your confirmation interview. Confirmation Registration will close on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2016. All documents not presented at your confirmation interview will need to be handed in by September 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 4:00pm in order for your teen to be considered fully registered allowing them to be able to begin their sacrament preparation. If partially registered by September 13<sup>th</sup> you will need to wait to register the following year. Having all documents in prior to beginning the confirmation preparation will allow me to better serve our youth and parish community.

#### **STEUBENVILLE San Diego 2016:**

Our next meeting is in the Youth Room on Tuesday, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 from 5:30-6:30pm.

FOR TEENS - PARENTS WELCOME – Fundraising!!! Please Plan to Attend.

#### SACRED HEART PRE-K TEACHER NEEDED

Part-time 20 hours/wk

Qualified applicants must complete:

- 1. First Aid/CPR certification
- 2. Food Handlers Certification
- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training
- 4. Enrollment in Oregon Office of Child Care's Central Background Registry
- 5. Online Background Check W/Praesidium, Inc.
- 6. Called to Protect (Safe Environment Program Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Patrick Gross at pgross@shcs.org.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

We are thrilled to offer this year's Catholic Family VBS Program to BOTH you and your children.

At Cave Quest Totally Catholic Family VBS we can all learn that Jesus' love lights our way and no matter the challenge, God is always with us to give us hope, courage, direction, and love! Learning about the power of God's love will help ground your family in faith and be confident about sharing it with others.

Each evening's theme is connected to important elements of our Catholic faith including the lives of saints, prayer, the Sacraments, and the call to evangelization. Great songs! Science Experiment fun activities! Short Video Faith stories!, games and much more!!!

#### 2016 "FAMILY" Vacation Bible School

WHEN ??? Monday July 11 – Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>
WHAT TIME??? Each evening 6pm – 8:30pm
DINNER TOO??? Yes!!! 5:15pm – 6pm
WHO COMES??? The Whole Family – Parents come with their children (Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
Children under 4 Free!! Watch the Bulletin for details

#### FIRST COMMUNION 2017??

Do you think your child may be ready for their First Reconciliation, First Communion OR Confirmation next year? Then the first & most important step is :- Call to schedule a Parent/Child Registration Interview with Whitney Godfrey for *Youth Confirmation*Or Mary Stallard for *Children's First Communion*All registrations are completed during the interview. Copy of the Baptism Certificate required for Interview. Registrations have begun. Sacrament Registration closes Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
Some after hours and weekend times are available. Whitney & Mary are looking forward to your call!!

Further questions or details about Religious Education; Sacrament Preparation or FAMILY Vacation Bible School contact Religious Education Coordinator Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661 Ext: 107



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

#### LOOKING FOR SUMMER DAYCARE?

Sacred Heart School is the place to be! We have some GREAT ACTIVITES planned for this summer! Movies at Tinsel Town once a week, ice cream at Cold Stone, swimming at Jackson pool once a week, and walking to the park. We also plan to go bowling. Children can bring their bikes, roller skates, scooters to ride on our play ground. We also have fun water play here on the playground. Summer Daycare registration packets are available in the school front office.

#### **ENROLLMENT**

There are still openings in many grades. If you are considering a Catholic education for your children, please let us show you how special Sacred Heart School is. Call 541-772-4105 for a personal tour.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart is currently looking for a Pre-Kindergarten teacher, plus qualified subs for teaching and aides. If you are interested please email Patrick Gross at pgross@shcs.org

#### ANNUAL DRIVE

Thank you for your participation in our Annual Drive. If you would still like to participate but haven't filled out your envelope, there's still time! Call the school office at 541-772-4105.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

to all our school and parish students who made their First Communion or Confirmation. We will continue to pray for you!

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS JUNE MEETING BUNCO!!!

All Catholic women are invited to join us Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We begin at 8:00am with the Rosary in church followed by Mass. Then to the Hall for fellowship, light refreshments, (please bring something to share) a short meeting, then BUNCO. We welcome our new officers for 2016-2018: Regent – Vickie Dudley Vice Regent- Ingrid DeCarlow Recording Secretary – Karen Gale Financial Secretary – Debbie Christian Treasurer, Carole Whitney Chaplain, Father Justus For info call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS 2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop, our shower and laundry facility, is expanding so we can provide over 60 showers and over 15 laundry loads per day Monday – Friday 8-12. That means we will need: Used or new bath towels and wash cloths, men's sports socks (regular or ankle length) and men's t-shirts of any kind. We especially need volunteers, Mon - Fri 7:45am – 1:00pm, to help provide our clients with something so basic as a shower and to wash their clothes. Please come help us help others, the homeless and needy. Contact Lee (541) 601-5273 or call our volunteer coordinator 541-772-3828 Ext 7 for other volunteer opportunities. We need you.

#### **OLD GLORY**

When an American flag becomes tattered and torn, ragged or dirty it should be replaced. Specific procedures are followed that honor our flag as it is disposed. If you have a flag in sad condition please bring it to the sacristy in a plastic bag marked Murray LaHue. Murray will properly and honorably dispose of it.

#### **COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE**

May 29

7:00 - Paul Stancel

8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow

June 5

7:00 - BJ Buxton

8:30 - Jeff Wheeler



#### **UPCOMING**

Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10 there will be no 7AM Mass. June 6 - June 9 at 8:30AM there will be a Communion Service.



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