

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2010

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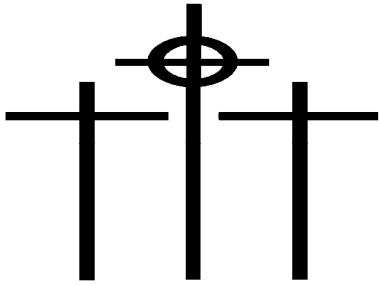


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WORSHIP SERVICE

WEEKEND MASS Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:15, 11 am, 12:45 pm (*All Spanish Mass*) and 6:00 pm 9:15 am **McDonald Family Center Gym** Children's Liturgy of the Word,
11:15 am McDonald Family Center Gym Children's Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist
DAILY MASS Sat. 8:15 am
Mon.—Fri. 6, 8:15 am, 12:05 & 6:00 pm
Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration Always open
Penance Saturday 4:30 pm (Or you may make an appointment with one of the parish priests)
Anointing of the Sick SECOND Sunday 2:00 pm
Prayer Groups English Thursday 7:00 pm
Espanol Monday 8:00 pm
Novena to Miraculous Medal Tuesday 7:30 pm

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SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HOURS

Mon-Fri 8am to 8pm, Sat 9am-12N

Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm

Mon-Fri 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Tues-Sat 9:00am to 11:30am

PHONE

478-5000

478-5099


478-5024

478-5020

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME	PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME
Blessed Sacrament & Altar Society	1st Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club – Holy Name Society	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Group	1st Mon	7:00 p.m.	Novena of the Miraculous Medal	Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
Athletic Association	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Cancer Support Group	4th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Perpetual Adoration	Mike Robles	579-0716
Catholic Daughters of America	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (English)	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Sundays (MCDFCenter Gym)	9:15 a.m.	Respect Life Ministry	Dicky Putz	559-2482
Children's Mass	Sundays(MCDFCenter Gym)	11:15 a.m.		478-5000	
Choirs - ACTS	Sundays	7:30 a.m.	School Council	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Adults	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	SCOTS	Twice Monthly	344-7127
Bilingual	Tuesdays	8:00 p.m.	Scouts (Boys)	Stephen Tipps	694-0152
Children's	Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Scouts – Cubs	Glen Medellin	492-4876
Family Folk	Sundays	5:00 p.m.	Scouts -Girl	Trudy Heard	349-2404
Youth	Sundays	10:00 a.m.	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm
Christian Meditations	Wednesdays	7-8p.m.	445-1107	Spanish Prayer Group	Mondays 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe	1st Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Square Dancing	Thursdays	7:30 p.m.
Finance Council	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	St. Matthew's Mission Group	2nd Tuesday 7PM	344-7310
Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree	1st Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	St. Matthew's Singles (40+)	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Transportation Ministry	2-3 Days' Notice	478-5000
Legion of Mary	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	VIP Club (Mature Adults)	4th Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
			YC ³ (Young Adults 25-40)	Beth Duarte	478-5006

QUICK MESSAGE-INFORMATION dial 478-5098	please press
Emergency Line for Sickness/Sickness ONLY	1
Prayer Petition Line	2
Mass and Confession Schedule	4
Infant Baptism	5
Marriage (6 Months Marriage Preparation Required)	6
CYO Athletic	7
Senior Nutrition Center	8
RCIA/Adult Confirmation	478-5007


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Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield.

-- Psalm 33:20



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WHERE YOUR
TREASURE IS
THERE ALSO
WILL BE YOUR
HEART



PASTORS MESSAGE The first two verses of the lyrics to the popular hymn "We Walk By Faith" by Marty Haugen sheds light on today's readings:

"We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; Yet in his promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"

The second reading from Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 describes faith as ". . . the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." The "evidence of things not seen" is a curious phrase worth contemplating. In the morning dawn we see rays of sunlight dispelling the darkness but do not yet see the sun itself. When a child jumps up on a trampoline, she knows she will eventually come back down due to a belief in gravity, even though it is unseen. Unfortunately, issues of faith are harder to accept. Thomas doubted the Lord's resurrection and had to place his hands in the wounds of Christ before he could shout the acclamation listed in the verse above. Abraham, however, exemplifies and models a profound faith.

Abraham believed he would have the descendants promised to him although his wife Sarah was beyond the childbearing age. In a later passage in Genesis we see a disturbing demand placed on him. Now that Isaac was born, Abraham was tested by God when asked to sacrifice his only son as sacrificial offering. How could Abraham have "descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore" (as we hear in the reading from Hebrews) if he were to sacrifice his son?

Abraham lifts the instrument of death only to have the Lord intervene and spare the child's life. Wow, that is faith; isn't it?

In the first reading from Wisdom 18:6-9 the night of the Passover, our ancestors had faith that somehow God would deliver them from the hands of their Egyptian captors. They did not know how this would come about, yet they still sacrificed the Passover lamb and prepared the Passover feast, hoping that God would liberate them. God indeed did. In the gospel, Luke 12:32-48, the prudent steward is someone who acts responsibly not only when his master is present but at all times. The gospel tells us that "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." When we put faith into practice through attempting things seemingly beyond our reach – answering the challenge of a promotion, taking on a new ministry in the parish, accepting greater responsibilities whatever they may be – God will bless us even more.

We use as a prayer the third and fourth verses of "We Walk By Faith":

"Help then O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;

To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light

We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight."

— Fr. Dennis

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 21—Singles 40+ Ministry, Back To School

Dance 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Aug 22 - Back To School Mass, Church, 3:00 p.m.

Aug 28 - Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Luau, MFC Gym, 6:30 p.m.

Aug 28-29— Our Lady of Angels, Raffle Tickets, All Masses



BAPTISM CLASSES

August Baptismal Classes

August 2, 9, & 16
(Church) 7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration by
July 24th

Baptisms at a Special Mass on
Sunday, August 29th at 3 p.m.

September Baptismal Classes

September 13, & 20
(Church) 7:30 pm

Pre-registration by
August 28th

Baptisms at a Special Mass on
Sunday, Sept. 26th at 3 p.m.

Parents and Godparents/Sponsors are required to attend **all of the monthly classes** chosen before or after the baby is born. **St. Matthew Parishioners need to take the classes at St. Matthew's.**

Pre-registration is required and "NO" late registrations will be accepted. Registration packets are available at the Administration Building. The child's state birth certificate is required. Godparents/Sponsors from another parish may attend classes in their own parish if they bring a letter or certificate of completion.

SOCIAL SUNDAYS 2010

Social Sunday: Schedule for 2010 is completed. Here are the hosting organizations for Social Sunday : August – Youth Group; September – Altar Society; October – Respect Life Ministry; November – St. Vincent de Paul. There is no Social Sunday in December.

Gracias! Gracias! Gracias

Thanks to Fr. Dennis and everyone that has responded so generously to help the flood victims in Ciudad Acuña, Mexico. The drinking water situation is almost back to normal, but they still need cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items as well as items for the babies. The people are very grateful for our support and generosity. Mission group members will continue to deliver items for flood relief as long as we get donations. The love of Christ is truly evident in the hearts of our parishioners.

St. Matthew Mission Group

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942) August 9

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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