

The Pastor's Corner . . .

Instruction on the Eucharist (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*)

*It helps first of all to place this Instruction at its origins. At the Solemn Last Supper Mass on Holy Thursday in St Peter's Basilica, on April 17, 2003, the Holy Father signed and gave to the Church his fourteenth encyclical letter, **Ecclesia de Eucharistia**.*

*This is the origin of this **Instruction** which the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, in close collaboration with the Congregation for the Faith, now offers to the Latin Church.*

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It is my hope and prayer that we can all learn more about the Eucharist and the beauty of the Liturgy, Fr. Joe.

CHAPTER 1, Parts 2,3 & 4.

The Regulation of the Sacred Liturgy

26. The same holds for those commissions of this kind which have been established by the Conference of Bishops in accordance with the will of the Council, commissions whose members consist of Bishops who are clearly distinguished from their expert helpers. Where the number of members of a Conference of Bishops is not sufficient for the establishment of a liturgical commission from their own number, then a council or group of experts should be named, always under the presidency of a Bishop, which is to fulfill the same role insofar as possible, albeit without the name of "liturgical commission."

27. As early as the year 1970, the Apostolic See announced the cessation of all experimentation as regards the celebration of Holy Mass and reiterated the same in 1988. Accordingly, individual Bishops and their Conferences do not have the faculty to permit experimentation with liturgical texts or other matters that are prescribed in the liturgical books.

28. All liturgical norms that a Conference of Bishops will have established for its territory in accordance with the law are to be submitted to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments for the *recognitio*, without which they lack any binding force.

29. Priests, as capable, prudent and indispensable co-workers of the order of Bishops, called to the service of the People of God constitute one presbyterate with their Bishop, though charged with differing offices. "In each local congregation of the faithful, in a certain way, they make present the Bishop with whom they are associated in trust and in generosity of heart; according to their rank, they take upon themselves his duties and his solicitude, and they carry these out in their daily work." And "because of this participation in the Priesthood and mission, Priests should recognize the Bishop as truly their father and obey him reverently.

30. The office "that belongs to Priests in particular in the celebration of the Eucharist" is a great one, "for it is their responsibility to preside at the mass *in persona Christi* and to provide a witness to and a service of communion directly taking part in the celebration, but also for the universal Church, which is always brought into play within the context of the Eucharist. It must be lamented that, especially in the years the post-Conciliar liturgical reform, as a misguided sense of creativity and adaptation, there have been a number of abuses which have been a source of suffering for many."

31. In keeping with the solemn promises that they have made in the Rite of Sacred Ordination and renewed each year in the Mass of Christ They ought not detract from the profound meaning of their own ministry by corrupting the liturgical celebration either through alteration or omission, or through arbitrary additions. For as St. Ambrose said, "It is not in herself but in us that the Church is injured. Let us take care so that our own failure may not cause injury to the Church."

32. "Let the Parish Priest strive so that the Most Holy Eucharist will be the center of the parish congregation of the faithful; let him work to ensure that the Christ's faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the Sacraments, and in particular, that they frequently approach the Most Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance; let him strive, furthermore, to ensure that the faithful are encouraged to offer prayers in their families as well, and to participate consciously and actively in the Sacred Liturgy, which the Parish Priest, under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, is bound to regulate and supervise in his parish lest abuses occur." Although it is appropriate that he should be assisted in the effective preparation of the liturgical celebrations by various members of Christ's faithful, he nevertheless must not cede to them in any way those things that are proper to his own office.

33. Finally, all "Priests should go to the trouble of properly cultivating their liturgical knowledge and ability, so that through their liturgical ministry, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will be praised in an ever more excellent manner by the Christian communities entrusted to them." Above all, let them be filled with that wonder and amazement that the Pascal Mystery, in being celebrated, instills in the hearts of the faithful.

34. Deacons "upon whom are imposed not for the Priesthood but for the ministry," Strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands, they are in the service to the People of God, in communion with the Bishop and his presbyterate.

35. Let all Deacons, then, do their part so that the Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated according to the norms of the duly approved liturgical books.

Peace in Christ Jesus, Fr. Joe

**REMINDER:**

The Recommended posture for the "Our Father" at Mass is hands together. This is a symbol of submission to God and acceptance of HIS will – Now listen to your Prayer.

Mass for Our Country and World Peace

We all remember September 11, 2001. Let us come together and pray for our Country and World Peace. **Bishop Connolly** will preside at a Mass Thursday evening September 11 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH LIFE

AROUND ONE TABLE .THE DIOCESAN CHURCH



Consider Hope: (33) "To pray is not to step outside history and withdraw to our own private corner of happiness. When we pray properly we undergo a process of inner purification which opens us up to God and thus to our fellow human beings as well. In prayer we must learn what we can truly ask of God—what is worthy of God. We must learn that we cannot pray against others. We must learn that we cannot ask for the superficial and comfortable things that we desire at this moment - that meager, misplaced hope that leads us away from God. We must learn to purify our desires and our hopes. We must free ourselves from the hidden lies with which we deceive ourselves. God sees through them, and when we come before God, we too are forced to recognize them." May God bless us with the grace to ask for a purification of desires and hopes and freedom from self deception.
+Bishop Vasa

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP OFF **FOOD ITEMS** FOR ST. VINCENT'S PANTRY. EVEN THOUGH THE RETAIL STORE IS CLOSED, **THEY STILL SERVICE MANY PEOPLE AND FAMILIES EVERY WEEK THAT ARE DESPERATE FOR FOOD.**

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO WELCOME **SHARLYN WILLIAMS** AS OUR NEW INFANT BAPTISM COORDINATOR.

"As the wedding coordinator at St. Francis the past three years, I have been immensely blessed. The role of coordinating infant baptism has been added to my responsibilities at St. Francis and I look forward to the additional privilege with great anticipation. Beginning on August 28th, I will be in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00: However I will check messages daily."
Sharlyn

ADULT FAITH

Classes on the Catholic Church: "LET US KNOW OUR CHURCH AND FAITH MORE" is taught by Fr. Mark, Thursdays, 7-8 PM at The Catholic Center. For more information call 382-3631.



BUILDING OUR NEW CHURCH, CORNER

The construction crews are working on the basement walls this week, as well as the other on-going projects.

"WE CAN" CANS PROGRAM UPDATE :

August 3,	\$50.59
August 10,	\$69.56
August 17,	\$17.49
August 24,	\$201.09

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1-3 PM

ANNUAL PARISH, K/C PICNIC.
THIS IS SIGN-UP DAY FOR ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
AS A FUNDRAISER ,WE ARE SELLING HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, CHIPS, DRINKS, , DESSERT, ST. FRANCIS T-SHIRTS, COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT AFTERNOON.

Readings for the week of:September 1-7, 2008

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1 Cor 2:1-5	1 Cor 3:18-23
Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102	Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 4:16-30	Lk 5:1-11
2	5
1 Cor 2:10b-16	1 Cor 4:1-5
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14	Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
Lk 4:31-37	Lk 5:33-39
3	6
1 Cor 3:1-9	1 Cor 4:6b-15
Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21	Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
Lk 4:38-44	Lk 6:1-5
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	Ez 33:7-9
	Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
	Mt 18:15-20

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2008

Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$ 17,402.00
Actual Collection August 24, 2008	\$ 12,789.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,613.00)

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

RCIA—“Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults” ...
NEWINQUIRERS ... For more information, call Barbara, 382-3631
ext. 120, or email her at better@stfranciscend.org

In celebrating this month of the Assumption, let us ask Mary's motherly intercession to draw souls to the Catholic Church. RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what he intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting Mon., September 8,
 General Meeting 7 PM in the Seminar Room 1. For Info Call
 Grand Knight Bob Gennette, 317-8534. *Knights of Columbus*
4th Degree .. call Joe Pierce, 382-6675 for more information.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. FRANCIS
 September 14
 Downtown Church, 4PM
 For more information call Steve Shope, 385-0319
 Or email www.unovoceco.org

ALTAR CARE ... September 4, 5, 6
 Katie O'Rourke, Mary Morrow, Sandi Thorton, Rita Hart

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

The apostle James reminds us in today's second reading that every blessing we have received comes from God.

St. Francis Seniors... Oct. 9, Tour of Hollinshead Park/Farm House. Potluck afterwards, bring table service and drink plus a food item to share.

Where Does Your Tithe Go?

Our "Basket" helps support a place for funeral lunches – When one of our beloved parishioners or a parishioner's family member goes to be with the Lord – they may have their family gather together at one of the many rooms in the Catholic Center (Comfort the Sorrowful). Our "Basket" also supports the Priests and Eucharistic Ministers that go each day to give communion or just visit the sick or homebound (Visit the Sick).

“Pray that your dollars go to God's Work!”

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES
 Please call Sharlyn for more information on the classes, or to register ...382-3631 ext 119

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... K-5:
 ☆ Registration for '08-09 Religious Ed begins at the Parish
 ☆ Picnic and Ministry sign-up day, Sunday, September 7.
 ☆ Come join us and bring the family to the Parish Center for
 ☆ a fun afternoon. Information? Duke, 382-3631
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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
 It's time to register for High School Ministry Life Nights! Sunday Sept. 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 7p.m. at the Catholic Center! Come join us for our Parish Picnic/ BBQ and get all your paperwork in at once! For more info., contact June at 382-3631 ext 115.

OUR PARISH FAMILY IS IN NEED OF :
AN ORGANIST FOR 2 SUNDAYS A MONTH AT THE 11AM MASS.
 Please contact Gail at 382-3631 for more information

CONFIRMATION— Are you going into the 6th grade through 12th grade? Have you completed all your sacraments but Confirmation? If you are interested in being Confirmed this school year in **OUR NEW CHURCH** 2008/2009 please **SAVE THE DATE** of Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm for the Kick-off Meeting – Here at the Catholic Center Community Center! Drinks and Cookies will be provided! Check out the Website for more info!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #2041... Begins again Sept. 8, 2008. All adult Catholic women are invited. For information call: 388-0109.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH-
 Do you have a Child that needs to be around the Word of God? Starting this Fall 2008 Middle School Youth Ministry will meet 2 Sundays a Month! The format is a Bible Study then an activity! Great Fun! Consider signing up for the year ~ the program runs October – May. Bring your Middle Schoolers here and share God's love with them. For ANY information call Susie, 382-3631 ext 110 or email ssrossi@stfranciscend.org

TEEN SEEKERS –Time to Register. All 6th to 12th graders who are baptized yet have not completed First Holy Communion or 1st Confession Teen Seekers is for you! The first meeting is Saturday, Oct 4 at the Catholic Center at 9 am - Please contact Susie at 382-3631 ext. 110 or by email at ssrossi@stfranciscend.org for more details!