

The Pastor's Corner . . .

“Special Pastor’s Corner” For the past few weeks I have been presenting a series of excerpts from the Bishops statement on the Liturgy and the Eucharist. My intent was to inform you on the position of the Universal Church in regards to the teaching of the Church on the documents of Vatican II. Since there seems to be some confusion on these teachings, I am going to attempt to clarify certain of these by quoting from the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM). The GIRM is the controlling document that Bishops, Priests, Deacons and the laity are requested to conform to. Any statements from the GIRM will be in bold print and will reference the number in the GIRM. Any comments I make, will be in *Italics*. The series on the Liturgy will continue next week. As with the series, I ask you to prayerfully read the information I am about to present.

The gestures and posture of the priest, the deacon, and the ministers, as well as those of the people, ought to contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, so that the true and full meaning of the different parts of the celebration is evident and that the participation of all is fostered. GIRM 42

Holding of Hands at Mass during the Our Father: The priest leads this prayer with hands extended (“orans” posture). No particular gesture for the people is specified for the Our Father. People may fold their hands in prayer. The Holy See stated that holding hands at Mass: “is a liturgically gesture introduced spontaneously but on a personal initiative; it is not in the rubrics.” While this practice is common, it is not to be imposed on anyone. The celebrant is not to join hands with the other ministers or the congregation and is not to invite the congregation to join hands. No one should ever be forced to engage in this practice. CIC 838, SC 22 § 1 and Notitiate II (1975) 226 *This statement is very plain and calls us to re-examine our own habits in light of the mind of the Church.*

ORANS POSTURE: The prayer-posture of the priest, who prays with hands extended at various times during the Mass. The practice of lay people using this gesture during the Our Father is not found in the approved liturgical texts. GIRM 42

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION, NORMS FOR: The norm for reception of Holy Communion in the Diocese of Baker is standing. Communicants should not be denied Holy Communion because they kneel. Those who chose to kneel are counseled to use caution and be aware of those behind them who may be surprised when they kneel. It is important that the communion procession be reverent and dignified, and never be rushed. At the discretion of the communicant, the host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. Pastors may need to remind the faithful periodically of the correct manner of receiving, particularly in the hand. GIRM 160 *In regards to receiving in the hand, the preferred method is to place one hand in the other, both palms up. After the priest or the ministers places the host in the upper palm the communicant takes the host, using the hand that was on the bottom, places the host immediately and reverently in their mouth and immediately consumes the Eucharist.*

It is my hope and prayer that this helps to clear up some of the confusion and misinformation. My dear people of God all that the Church is trying to do is to give us a greater awareness of the great treasure we have in the Church’s liturgy and the greatest gift of all in the Eucharist.

Peace in Christ Jesus, Fr. Joe

VOTER REGISTRATION

**ELECTION DAY IS COMING SOON...
NOVEMBER 4**

**THERE WILL BE A VOTER
REGISTRATION
TABLE AFTER MASSES ON
SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

**ONCE AGAIN THE PARISH
PICNIC WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.**

**WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO
BROUGHT A DISH TO SHARE. THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THEIR
HELP AND SUPPORT. THE CATHOLIC
DAUGHTERS FOR BAKING COOKIES.
ALL OF THE YOUTH MINISTRY PRO-
GRAMS, RCIA, THE MUSIC MINISTRY,
THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND MOST OF
ALL THE MANY PARISHIONERS WHO
CAME TO ENJOY THE AFTERNOON.**

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

*The Cross—the sign of the ultimate sacrifice,
should prompt us to ask ourselves what do we
sacrifice on behalf of the Kingdom?*

*Please remember those who have died, especially;
Martha Moody
May they rest in the Peace of Jesus Christ*

PRO LIFE CONFERENCE

September 27th, 2008

Voting for Humanae Vitae

8:00 A.M.-2:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
150 E. 1st street
Prineville, Or.

SPEAKERS: Gayle Atteberry, [Oregon Right to Life Director] Lois Anderson, [Political Action] Fr. Robert Greiner
and the Most Reverend Bishop Robert Vasa

R.S.V.P. BY Sept 15th, 2008

Patty Marx
541-388-4004

pmarx@dioceseofbaker.org

Breakfast and lunch provided
Suggested donation \$10.00

Mass-8:00 A.M. Rosary 8:45 A.M.—Conference -10:00A.M.-2:30P.M.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The office of St. Francis Parish often receives phone calls asking who in the parish family owns a particular kind of business i.e. plumber, electrician, etc. We would like to start a directory of Catholic-owned businesses in our community. We need your help to do this.

Please fill out the form below if you own a business and wish to participate. There is NO charge for this service. At this time, there are no plans to publish the directory for the public, but it will be used for church member inquiries only.

Name of Business _____

Address of Business _____

Owner's Name _____ Business Phone No. _____

Business email address _____

Business Hours _____

You may return this form to the church office or drop it in the Offertory Basket.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH LIFE

AROUND ONE TABLE . THE DIOCESAN CHURCH



Consider Hope: (33) "Failure to recognize my guilt, the illusion of my innocence, does not justify me and does not save me, because I am culpable for the numbness of my conscience and my incapacity to recognize the evil in me for what it is. If God does not exist, perhaps I have to seek refuge in these lies, because there is no one who can forgive me; no one who is the true criterion. Yet my encounter with God awakens my conscience in such a way that it no longer aims at self-justification, and is no longer a mere reflection of me and those of my contemporaries who shape my thinking, but it becomes a capacity for listening to the Good itself. (34) For prayer to develop this power of purification, it must be something very personal, an encounter between my intimate self and God, the living God." May God bless you with a genuine capacity for authentic, God-encountering prayer. **God bless you +Bishop Vasa**

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

ALTAR CARE ...September 18,19,20 Claudia McClung, Cheryl Dattke, Irene Gallagher

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL NEWS

"Coming Events"

Our school masses held in the St. Clare Chapel begin next week. Masses begin at 8:15. As always, please feel free to join us.

Back to School Night

Sept.16, Pre-Grade 5, 6PM
Sept. 17, Middle School, 6PM



BUILDING OUR NEW CHURCH, CORNER

Things are really beginning to change on the site. The pillars are being framed this week. It's exciting to see structures going "up" rather than "down" now that the basements framed.

"WE CAN" CANS PROGRAM UPDATE:
September 15, \$ 115.72

**PLAN NOW
FR. JOE'S CHILI FEED IS OCT. 3. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FUN.**

OREGON CATHOLIC DIRECTORY...If anyone has a directory they would like to donate to our staff we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring it to the Parish Office. We Thank You.

**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.

Readings for the week of:September 15-21 2008

15	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Jn 19:25-27	18	1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50
16	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100 Lk 7:11-17	19	1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 Lk 8:1-3
17	1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 Lk 7:31-35	20	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 Lk 8:4-15
		21	Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Mt 20:1-16a

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2008

Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$ 17, 402.00
Actual Collection August 31, 2008	\$ 16, 588.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (814.00)

FAITH DEVELOPMENT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting Mon., October 13,
 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #2041... Meet **First Monday of the month,** Catholic Center. All adult Catholic women are invited. For information call: 388-0109.

NEW BIBLE CLASSES...BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPT. 15, 7PM IN THE ST. CLARE CHAPEL. FATHER MARK IS THE INSTRUCTOR. For more information, please call the office 382-3631

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.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. FRANCIS

Downtown Church, **Third Sunday of the Month, 4PM**
 For more information call Steve Shope, 385-0319
 Or email www.unovoceco.org

Please join the Bend Volunteer Corps for a Celebration Dinner at Pioneer Park (corner of Portland and Wall St) on Sunday, September 14 from 4:30 - 7pm. We will begin with a pilgrimage to three areas in the park where presenters from Mountain Star Relief Nursery, Saving Grace and Central Oregon Council on Aging will share about their organization's work. We will then have dinner provided by Aloha Cafe. There is no charge for dinner. Come and learn about the great work that the Bend Volunteers are doing for our local community.

Where Does Your Tithes Go? Thank you all for giving from your heart this summer! Our Parish programs begin the end of September and with many prayers and dollars we truly will be able to continue the 1st Class preparation for all those who are being called by the Holy Spirit. Please continue to support "The Basket" each week.

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

RCIA—"Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" ...NEW INQUIRERS
 We will be meeting Thurs. evenings, 7PM to 9PM in the RCIA Workroom at the Catholic Center...For more information, call Barbara, 382-3631 ext. 120, or email her at better@stfrancisbend.org

Life has many storms--how do we get through these tough times? Where do we get the strength and understanding? Who/what do we turn to for security? The answers to these questions are faith, Jesus Christ, and His Church. Are you or do you know of anyone who is searching for this kind of assistance? Then RCIA is what you are looking for to lead you to a safe haven in which to weather the storms of your life. For more information, please contact Barb Etter at better@stfrancisbend.org or phone 382-3631 ext 120.

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 ☆ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... K-5:** ☆
 ☆ Registration for '08-09 Religious Ed begins September 7. ☆
 ☆ Please sign your children up and get ready for a great year ☆
 ☆ For more information, call Duke, 382-3631. ☆
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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

For more info., contact June at 382-3631 ext 115.



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 2008-2009 in **OUR NEW CHURCH** please **SAVE THE DATE** of Wednesday, September 24th 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!

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 ☆ **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! Con- ☆
 ☆ sider 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 ☆
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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@stfrancisbend.org for more details!