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SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Gifts to God and Parish Last Week

Special Collections

Human Development	\$	3.00
Seminary	\$	2,726.00

New Building Fund

Lavender Envelopes	\$	3,185.00
Total Received to date	\$	484,569.35

Offertory

Sunday Envelopes	\$	10,837.50
Sunday Loose	\$	470.05
Above and Beyond	\$	387.00
Children's Envelopes	\$.50
Christmas	\$	9,835.25
Diaconate	\$	3.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
Mission Sunday	\$	3.00
Present and Future	\$	25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00
Total Offertory	\$	21,591.30
Offertory Goal	\$	12,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

As of December 29, 2008

Contributions Year To Date	\$	308,231.85
Projected Year to Date Budget	\$	312,500.00

Together We're Better Certificates

Sales	\$	365.00
Profits for this week	\$	12.98

TWB Certificates are available in the Rectory Office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every weekend after Mass.

In kindness pray for the repose of the soul

Kimberly Ferraro

Emily Skala,

mother of Pat Freihaut

*May God welcome them home, fill them with peace,
and bless those who will miss them.*

STEWARDSHIP

"The kings of Tarshich and the Islea shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him."

(Psalm 72:10-11)

What gifts do you set before the Lord? Does your list of New Year's Resolutions include better ways to give back to God and thank Him for His many blessings to you and your family?

A word from _____ Dear Folks,
_____ your Pastor...

This is going to be a rather lengthy article, but I hope you will please bear with me as I try to explain what is going on with finances with both the Archdiocese and the parish.

The Archdiocese

I think it safe to assume that everyone knows what is going on with our nation's economy these days. It was recently announced that the country has actually been in a recession since December of 2007. Last month, in December of 2008, I was summoned to the Chancery along with 51 other pastors to be informed of Archdiocesan finances and its ripple effects on our particular parishes. First, let me assure you that any and all parish funds on deposit with the Archdiocese (savings funds and designated funds such as our endowment fund and building fund) are completely safe. Those funds are set aside and reserved and no one from the Archdiocese is allowed to touch any of those monies. The building fund is in basically a savings account (obviously drawing very low interest rates these days) and the endowment fund is tied to the stock market and is therefore not doing well either. But over the past 13 months, the valuation of the portfolio that supplies the dividend income, which supports the Administrative fund of the Archdiocese, has lost approximately 45% of its valuation. With the loss of that income, the Archdiocese is in some serious financial trouble. The Archdiocese will be announcing shortly the cut of about 90 people, perhaps more, from the various offices, agencies and ministries that support the work and ministry of the greater Church of St. Louis. A wage freeze has been put in place for the priests and most, if not all, lay employees. And any parish which has been operating in the red or has large amounts of unpaid billings to the Archdiocese have been told that our budget for the next fiscal year MUST be approved by the Archdiocesan finance office. We must operate in the black, we must make a reasonable attempt at paying back billings and until that budget is approved, we are not allowed to hold registration for schools or offer contracts

to lay employees. If we have applied for one of the various grants, most will be turned down (the grant endowments are tied directly to the stock market) and there is very little, if any, grant funds available. Should we get a grant, it will certainly not be for what we were originally asking for or hoping to receive. Effective immediately, there is no safety net available for the parishes. Every parish must be able to stand on its own and must therefore be able to meet its expenses on its own until this economic crisis passes over.

It now appears as though registration for all Catholic schools will take place later in February or perhaps even March. Contracts for all lay employees, usually offered the first of April, will now not be given out until sometime in May.

OLQP:

Over the past 6 weeks, the finance committee of the parish and I have been meeting to budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year which will begin on July 1, 2009. I see this as an opportunity. Perhaps a time of economic challenge is a good time to "right-size" the parish and our budget. There will be changes when this new budget goes into effect, some I can explain now, others, I have to wait on due to there being personnel issues involved and the approval of the Archdiocesan finance office for our budget. Included in this bulletin however is a financial reporting for the parish covering the first 5 months of this current fiscal year--July 1, 2008 thru November 30, 2008. These numbers are actually a little deceiving. We are actually operating with a deficit of roughly \$33,000. The only thing currently keeping us afloat---and making our report look fairly good- -is the \$33,000 we have received from the Home and School and the Knights of Columbus. We rarely hit the \$12,500 per week we need for the current budget (those numbers can be seen every week in the bulletin) and so every week we fall a little farther behind, and, as the weeks pass by we continue sinking a further and further. I have some VERY serious concerns as to whether we will make it to July being able to make payroll.

During the same 6 week period that the finance committee has been working on budgets, I have been told by so many people of the parish that they are losing their jobs, their companies are shutting down, retirement funds are all but gone- -this is a very scary time for an awful lot of people. I am not delusional enough to think that collections are suddenly going to jump up 15 to 20% with so many people hurting financially. So, I have informed the finance committee that spending on the next budget must be cut by a minimum of \$80,000 and if they do not come up with the cuts, I will. At this point I can tell you that one of the modular buildings will be removed in June. The school faculty will be cut by a minimum of 1, if not up to 3. We are currently \$55,000 behind in the collection of school tuition. Any family owing more than \$1,500 will not be allowed to register their children in the school for next year. All fees must be paid at the time of registration or that family's registration will be returned to them. Some will be upset with the changes, however, we CANNOT continue operating as we have over the past several years. I keep stating that there are wants and there are needs, and in the coming budget, only the needs are going to be addressed. In the process, the school simply has to be re-structured somewhat.

Once the new budget has been submitted to the Archdiocesan finance office, we will also publish it in the bulletin. If I sense that there is some concern over the changes, I will hold another town hall meeting in March or April to answer everyone's questions and or concerns. We will get thru this difficult time, we will continue to pray and work together for the building up of the Kingdom. And, just as Easter always follows Good Friday, hopefully our political leaders can assist our economy and get people back to work with living wages. I know that this will be perceived as a depressing way to start off the New Year, but I have no intention of hiding things from you or not telling you the truth of a situation concerning our parish. Let us pray for peace and stability.

Peace,
Fr. PC

**Our Lady Queen of Peace
P&L by Class with Comparison to Prior Year
For the Period of July 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Fees/</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Insur. &</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Non</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Assessm.</u>	<u>Adds</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Exp</u>	<u>(Loss)</u>			
Parish General	\$ 250,035.23	\$ 83,186.11	\$ 11,797.48	\$ 3,298.94	\$ 12,914.18	\$ 47,741.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,096.87	\$ 70,884.48	\$ 20,212.39
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,009.64	\$ -	\$ 134.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 875.58	\$ 631.28	\$ 244.30
Elementary School	\$ 274,395.81	\$ 314,273.76	\$ 12,486.36	\$ 576.00	\$ 18,452.76	\$ 17,487.50	\$ -	\$ 15,011.70	\$ (103,892.27)	\$ (131,937.58)	\$ 28,045.31
Before and After Care	\$ 7,263.15	\$ 4,634.29	\$ 627.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,001.83	\$ 2,215.18	\$ (213.35)
Cafeteria	\$ 24,613.11	\$ 8,598.77	\$ 12,152.31	\$ 20.00	\$ 686.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,155.09	\$ 203.24	\$ 2,951.85
PSR	\$ 12,116.00	\$ 6,282.81	\$ 3,439.21	\$ 294.00	\$ 222.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,877.48	\$ 1,973.96	\$ (96.48)
Pre-School	\$ 22,429.90	\$ 17,063.34	\$ 1,655.19	\$ -	\$ 447.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,263.78	\$ (4,095.87)	\$ 7,359.65
Unclassified	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Core Operations	\$ 591,862.84	\$ 434,039.08	\$ 42,291.64	\$ 4,188.94	\$ 32,723.97	\$ 65,229.15	\$ -	\$ 15,011.70	\$ (1,621.64)	\$ (60,125.31)	\$ 58,503.67



YOUTH MINISTRY

The Gift of Presence

Today we celebrate the Epiphany. This is the Sunday we especially remember the journey of the three kings to find the child Jesus and give Him their finest gifts. Their finest gift was their presence and their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were symbols of their generous hearts. The teen years are similar to the journey of the three kings. The kings had a star to guide them and believing hearts to help them persevere, but they were very unsure about the length of their trip or the challenges they would meet on their journey. It is the same with teens. As parents, it is our responsibility to keep the star of faith, hope and love burning brightly in our homes along with our gift of presence to our teens. Our presence to our teens needs to be filled with loving discipline, empathetic listening and our creditable example. Remember to pray for your teens on their journey to adulthood and pray for yourself on your journey as a parent.

Thanks!

Thanks to Sandy Allen, Teresa Grisham, and Becky Bufka for helping chaperone our youth as they went ice skating at Steinberg's last Sunday evening. All fourteen youth had fun and returned home safely.

Thanks to Gladys Kinkead for addressing our Christmas cards and newsletters.

Thanks to the amazing worship band that provides awesome music at the monthly Youth Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, January 11, at 6 pm. Be sure to get there a 5:45 pm for some extra music before Mass.

Invite a Friend

This Sunday evening invite a friend to come with you to our youth night from 6:30-8:30pm. We provide the most delicious popcorn in the world along with the exciting game of Apples to Apples. Our topic for faith sharing this Sunday is "What gifts are you willing to give Jesus?" Next week's topic, after the Youth Mass will be, "What does grace look like?"

Terry Ostlund, Youth Minister
636-671-0302 or
leave a message 314-566-8363

Aluminum Can Collection is week!

**No RCIA
this week.**

**No Scripture Study
until further notice.**

St. Vincent De Paul

Thank you for helping to assist those in need.
May the peace and joy of this Holy Season
be yours.



Stephen Ministry



To learn how you can help a friend
receive care please call Margaret, 274-2269.
All calls and sessions are confidential.

God bless you!

Pro-Life

A culture which no longer has a point of reference in God loses its soul and loses its way, becoming a culture of death.

~Pope John Paul II~

**DON'T MISS THIS!!!
Usher Meeting Scheduled
in the Cafeteria
Thursday, January 8, 8pm
Mark your calendars!!!**

Join us as we
Celebrate Fr. Christopher's
50th Birthday
Sunday, January 4th
at the First Sunday Breakfast



4th Annual Athletic Association
Trivia Night
March 21, 2009
Knights of Columbus Hall
\$20 per person
Accepting reservations for tables of 8
Any questions or more information
Contact Tom or Donna
636-677-8662 or 314-882-7735

American Cancer Society Fundraiser
Sunday, January 11, noon to 8 pm
Pizza Shack in St. Clair
Questions contact
Jeff 636-629-2224 or Joanne 274-0590

Seven Days of Inspiration

Take one a day...
and feel great all week!

Don't postpone joy!



Treat yourself to
a new dream!



You play a starring
role in someone's
happy memories.



Think good thoughts
about yourself.
They're true!



You deserve some
downtime.



Confidence grows
when you let it.



A smile can
take you places!

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

We rejoice to have you with us, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived in our parish! Please fill out this form and return it to the Rectory or place it in the Sunday collection basket if you would like to be a registered member of our parish. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records in order.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ # of people registering _____

New Registration Address or phone number change Moving out of parish

**HAPPENINGS
OF THE
WEEK**

Mon	Jan 5	PSR, 6:15pm RCIA, 7pm, Field House Rosary for Peace, 7:30pm, Church
Tues	Jan 6	Devotions after 8am Mass Quilters, 9am - 3pm, 6 - 8:30pm, Activity Center No Scripture Study School Board, 7pm, Rectory
Thurs	Jan 8	Choir, 7pm Usher Meeting, 7pm, Cafeteria
Sun	Jan 11	Youth Mass, 6pm Youth Night, after Mass until 8:30pm, Activity Center

**Please remember in your
prayers those who are ill**

Steven Thome
Norma Nenninger
Martin Ponder
Joyce Clayton
Tony Duda
Ed Clayton
Sandra Oldenberg
Jo De Witt

the homebound, shut-ins of the parish and all in
nursing homes. **To add a name please call the
Rectory office, 671-3062.**

Dial-A-Saint

For an inspirational message about the
Saint of the Day please call (314) 421-4775.
The message changes daily.

OLQP Web Site!!

olqpbulletin@yahoo.com
Deadline Tuesday at 4:30 pm
Inserts - Monday at noon

Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan 5	8:00am	Sheri Nenninger
Tues	Jan 6	8:00am	Dorothy O'Brien
Wed	Jan 7	8:00am	Edwin and Helen Wiswall
Thurs	Jan 8	8:00am	Alice Nahlik
Fri	Jan 9	8:00am	Laura Williams
Sat	Jan 10	5:00pm	Patrick Heller
Sun	Jan 11	7:30am	People of the Parish
		9:30am	Dave and Jeff Davis
		11:30am	Frank White
		6:00pm	Poor Souls

January 10th and 11th**Proclaimers**

5:00 pm	Sharon Alderson, Peggy Mikko
7:30 am	Ruth Haen, Ann Riley
9:30 am	Helen Salamone, Nora Suhovechy
11:30 am	Debbie Cleek, Carol Freihaut

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm	Bev Gregory, Ralph & Sandy Munzlinger, Barb & Joe Nenninger, Katie Tutass, C. Gregorc
7:30 am	Ken Bohnert, Vicki De Long, Phyllis Smith, Joyce Stenger, Marie Strayhorn, Shirley Tenny Linda Weber
9:30 am	Dale Andrews, Mary Copeland, Carol Delue, Bruce Gallion, Barb Perez, Deb Pigue, Sharon Reineri, Jan Schultheiss
11:30 am	Glenda Clayton, Andrea Lawson, P. McDonnell, Sharon Schmidt, Denise & Rich Ortmann, Ruth Livingston

Servers

5:00 pm	Taylor Fischbach, Paige Smith, Alicia Whitehead
7:30 am	Jackson & Teddy Bjornstad, Kaitlyn Robertson
9:30 am	Kiersten Hahn, Elise Mollard, Mary Turney
11:30 am	Tyler Brockmeyer, Lauren Niemira, Dylan Robb

Ushers

5:00 pm	Larry Bottchen, Donna Clifton, Ken Munzlinger, Jerry Sheets, Wayne Thome, Ronald Williams
7:30 am	Doug Bjornstad, Ray Brune, Ted Hempen, Steve Morlock, Dale Robinson, Vince Rocchio
9:30 am	Tim Diffey, Steve Freihaut, Lee Hoffman, Robert Rousseau, Kent Sturhahn, R. Wieschhaus
11:30 am	Gary Freihaut, John Holmes, Andy Nappier, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, David Witt

**Children's Liturgy of the Word
during the 9:30am Mass****Heavenly Dusters**

Cathy Morlock, Debbi Stephens, Chyree de Roode,
Kathy Kerr, Joyce Stenger

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