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SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Gifts to God and Parish Last Week
Special Collections

Peter's Pence \$ 25.00

New Building Fund

Lavender Envelopes \$ 4,091.47
Total Received to date \$ 406,561.88

Offertory

Sunday Envelopes \$ 9,634.00
Sunday Loose \$ 515.20
Above and Beyond \$ 3.00
Ascension \$ 1,000.00
Present and Future \$ 525.00
Total Offertory \$ 11,677.20
Offertory Goal \$ *

Thank you for your generosity.

* 2008/2009 Budget not finalized as of this date.

As of July 7, 2008

Contributions Year To Date \$ 11,677.20
Projected Year To Date Budget \$ *

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Together We're Better Certificates

Sales \$ 895.00
Profits for this week \$ 29.88

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

Dial-A-Saint

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

STEWARDSHIP

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

(Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.



The readings for next Sunday, July 20, are:

First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading..... Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

In today's Gospel Jesus tells three parables that describe the kingdom of God. In the first we hear about a field where weeds and wheat grow together. It was difficult to tell the weeds apart from the wheat. To cut or pull the weeds while the wheat was growing would hurt the wheat. When the crop was full grown, however, the weeds could be pulled without endangering the wheat. In the Christian community, we find the same situation - good and bad grow together, none of us is wise enough to weed out the bad without harming the good. God, the "Master of the Harvest", will make this judgment at the end of time. In the meantime, we must be nonjudgmental and practice patience.

Life Focus: When has a first impression of someone changed from "weed" to "wheat" for you? What would you have missed if you had not taken the time to understand the person more thoroughly? Relate an experience in your life when you were glad that someone was patient and gave you additional time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 13 through July 20, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7,13b-16 Ps 94:5-10,14-15
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102:13-14b,15-21
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 (Ps) Is 38:10-12,16
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13,16-19 Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

ATTENTION

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Effective immediately we will return to the custom of cleaning the vessels for Eucharist after Mass in the work sacristy.

Thank you!

A word from _____ _____ your Pastor...

Dear Folks,

One of the great challenges of any organization, any school, any program or any parish is communication. I can absolutely assure you that in my time here, I will work diligently to try to keep everyone informed as to what is happening in and around the parish. One area, which I need to address this week, is finances.

This is what I walked into when I arrived here on June 17th. We were behind by over \$73,000 in past due bills. No suppliers would any longer deliver to us (which made opening the school in August a REAL question mark). We could not make payroll, with the necessary taxes, at the end of the month (June 30th) short of a miracle. We did not have 2 nickels to rub together. Collections had been down for some time. Mass attendance had been slipping for some length of time as well. Unfortunately, contracts had to be honored, taxes had to be paid, utilities needed to be kept turned on and basic supplies still needed to be acquired.

I kept thinking, they told me I would have to straighten out some financial problems, not to try and clean up a financial train wreck. Every day that I was here for the first 10 days, more bad news kept coming in: the sewer system, back payments to the Archdiocese (this covers things like property insurance, health coverage for the lay employees, etc.). The first group I actually sat down with after arriving here was the Finance Committee. Both the members of that committee and I are of the opinion that we WILL turn all of this around. It may take up to 2 years, but we will turn this around and get this parish back on its feet. However, as I have told both the Finance Committee and the Parish Staff:

- A) We have to live within our means. There are wants and there are needs. All we can afford are the absolute needs. Therefore, all spending by the staff must be approved by me.
- B) There will be cut-backs across the board over the next 10 to 12 months. By next Spring, I will probably not be very well liked in House Springs, but, we cannot continue to spend money that we do not have.

That was the bad news. The good news, however, is that I was able to secure a \$81,000 grant from the Archdiocese to cover our outstanding past due bills from suppliers and make sure our payroll was covered for June 30th. Collections have been up the past few weeks, and, tuition for the school year has begun arriving which will help immensely. In addition, I am seeking an additional grant from the ACA (Annual Catholic Appeal) to try and cover the cost of a new roof on the Activity Center, which is in very bad shape. Also, in order to get the school cleaned properly for the beginning of the school year which is only a few weeks off, I was able to plead our cause with the Home and School Association and was given the necessary funds (\$10,000) to buy the needed chemical supplies and equipment to get all of the buildings scrubbed, cleaned and ready for our children to use next month.

I have, as of this past week, met with the Parish Finance Committee, the School Board and the Parish Council. Please believe me when I tell you that I would have LOVED to arrive here, quietly unpack, taken a year just to get to know people, the streets and roads, the parish calendar with all of the traditions you have here at OLQP and to just settle in - - but the situation just did not allow that to happen. I am planning a Town Hall meeting in September and at that time I will try to give you all of the information possible, answer all of your questions and, give us some sense of where I think we could go. But you need to also tell me what you think is important, keep me informed, tell me your stories, what is your vision for the parish 5 years, 10 years even 50 years into the future. What will House Springs, northwest Jefferson County and Our Lady Queen of Peace look like in the future. Let's move forward with hope, with confidence, with a positive outlook and with a certain faith in God's providence and love continuing to be poured forth on us.

Fr. Christopher



YOUTH MINISTRY

The Parenting Scavenger Hunt

Parenting teens is like a giant scavenger hunt. We are searching for unique ways to build relationships and set clear boundaries for each individual child. Each teen journeys through the teen years differently. It is our job as a parent to continually search for ways to build relationships with our teens that work.

On the imaginary list of "functional teen parenting" we have a fairly clear list of responsibilities as a parent. We are to set clear and safe boundaries for our teens, be an amazing example of integrity, encourage our teen to build a relationship with God, promote a hunger for social justice, pray they pray, promote a healthy love of learning and work while keeping the lines of communication open for building a strong relationship with our teen. Wow, that almost sounds like an impossible task. It is an impossible task if we are doing things on the "functional parent list" so we can brag to our friends on how "functional" our teen is because we did such a good job as a parent. Our teens are not trophies to show off. Parenting teens can be challenging but it is always an amazing gift from God. We need to remember they are a work in progress and so are we.

We need to support and love our teens when they mess up and when they succeed. If we as parents realize that each teen responds to life differently and what works for one teen might not work for another we will embrace the giant scavenger hunt of parenthood with gusto. We will search for unique ways to accomplish the list of functional parenting responsibilities while embracing the individuality of each of our children. Enjoy the amazing gift of parenting your amazing child.

Many Thanks!!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated to our car wash two weeks ago. Your generosity helped us raise \$408 for our mission trip to Appalachia in July. May God bless you for your goodness.



High School Youth Annual Camping Float Trip

It is time to make your reservations for our camping - float trip on July 30 - 31. Please send in your reservation using the flyer in your summer mailing or call Terry to make your reservation.

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

**Scripture Study
every Tuesday evening
in the Activity Center
at 7 pm.**



*Young
at
Heart*

On Monday, July 14, it's time for our Bar-B-Que. We will meet at the Knights of Columbus building at 11:30 am. Remember to bring what you signed for and a drink. Fun to follow.



St. Vincent De Paul

The welcome and attention you give your friends and neighbors when you gather them in your backyard for a cookout is a sign of your hospitality. Your guests are appreciative and happy and you have a warm glow from the pleasure you give them.

There are others who just as truly are your guests though you have never met them. They are the ones who share your hospitality each time you make a contribution to SVDP. Thank you for this sign of your hospitality.

Stephen Ministry

In hearing other's pain, fear and hardship, we have an opportunity to reflect on the need for the help, forgiveness and mercy of God. It is also a time we can remind ourselves of blessings in our own lives. A Stephen Minister is here for you. Please call Gene at 375-3774. All calls and sessions are confidential. God bless you!



Pro-Life

In the culture of life we must make room for the stranger. We must comfort the sick. We must care for the aged. We must welcome the immigrant. We must teach our children to be gentle with one another. We must defend in love the innocent child waiting to be born.

~President George W. Bush~

OLQP T-Shirts

We will no longer be taking orders for OLQP T-Shirts on the first and third Sundays of the month. If you would still like to have an OLQP shirt you may call Tammy at 671-7280 to place an order.

Cub Scouts Pack 555 Meeting Sunday, July 20, 6 pm

Incoming 4th grade Webelos will meet at 5 pm in the Cafeteria just prior to the Pack Meeting.

Parish Nurse

We need to renew our certification for the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and CPR which expires this month and for some in August. The class is open to anyone 18 years old or older. We have been trying to have at least four people from each Mass time certified. Two years ago we had 26 parishioners trained to use the AED. It would be great to exceed that number this year. The classes will be held at North Jefferson Ambulance District at 7 pm on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 29th
Thursday, July 31st
Saturday, August 2nd

Please let me know if you are interested in taking this class.

Fran Corley RN,
Parish Nurse
636-375-3774



OLQP Athletic Association

The OLQP Athletic Association would like to THANK all of the Sponsors and Participants for making our 13th Annual Golf Tournament a success. We would like to especially thank Butch Turek, Rich Ortmann, Tom Lakin and Darrin Lucas for their efforts in organizing the event. Hope to see everyone next year for the 14th Annual Golf Tournament.

I (Tim Hicks) would like to apologize for the wrong date in the bulletin for the soccer referee test. It should have been June 24th and not the 29th. Anyone that is still interested in refereeing should contact Rick at 677-3166. You will be eligible to referee the Pre K and Kindergarten games this year.

We are still looking for 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grade GIRLS interested in playing soccer. Please contact Charlie 314-704-4747 to register.



Calendar Scheduling

It's that time of year again when you need to schedule all your meetings (in writing) with the Rectory Office. Sometimes we have experienced conflicts with organizations wanting to use the same facilities. By letting the Rectory office know your plans we can avoid these disappointments. Just a reminder, even if you always had the same time and place for your meeting last year we will not know that you intend to continue. Typically we redo the calendar at the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1st.

Auditions for the Young Catholic Musicians

The 90 member choir and orchestra of The Young Catholic Musicians will hold auditions during July. These young people (aged 10-17) represent over 50 churches and schools in the Archdiocese. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Singers and instrumentalists call Fr. Bruce Forman (314) 231-7464 or Mrs. Mary Smith (314) 962-9260 for additional information and to schedule an audition.

**Hospitality Sunday
July 20 after Mass**

We wish to thank the Homeschoolers for hosting Hospitality Sunday next week. Our Parish Nurses will be available in the Library for blood pressure screening also.

**Preparation for a Second Marriage
or Remarriage Preparation**

A marriage preparation class, "Learning from the Past, Building for the Future", is available for engaged couples, where one or both individuals have been married before. This class will take place on Friday evening August 22 and all day Saturday, August 23. Questions or to sign up call Gail (314) 792-7178.

Follow Me On The Mid-Life Path

Most people think development is finished after childhood. Not so. Jesus invites us to follow Him at every stage of life. Tree House Healing Ministry is offering this new retreat for all who would like to learn about and deal with the tasks, challenges and upsets of the second half of life, allowing Jesus to lead, enlighten and heal.

August 1 - 3, cost \$181 for a private room; \$100 for commuter; \$25 late fee after July 17. Call (314) 427-7768 for more information.



**St. Martin's (Dittmer)
45th Annual Chicken Dinner
Saturday, August 2
Serving from 3 to 8 pm
Adult's \$8 Children \$4
Fried Chicken (or Beef) Dinners
Homemade German Potato Salad,
Sides, Dessert and Drink**

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

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| Mon | July 14 | Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church |
| Tues | July 15 | Devotions after 8 am Mass Quilters, 9 am - 3 pm, 6 - 8:30 pm, Activity Center VBS Meeting, 7 pm, Cafeteria |
| Wed | July 16 | Youth Open House, 6:30 - 9 pm, Activity Center |
| Sat | July 17 | Blood Pressure Screening after Mass, Library |
| Sun | July 20 | Hospitality Sunday Blood Pressure Screening after Mass, Library Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6 pm, Cafeteria (Webelos meet at 5 pm) |

Seven Days of Inspiration

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

Never underestimate the
power of your prayers.

You have every reason to
think highly of yourself.

Let happiness find you!

Count yourself among
your blessings.

Your thoughts and
feelings matter.

Miracles are more common
than you think!

Wish. Want. Dream.
Dare!

OLQP Web Site!!

www.olqphousesprings.org

submit articles for bulletin

olqpbulletin@yahoo.com

Deadline Tuesday at 4:30 pm

Inserts - Monday at noon

Mass Intentions

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| Mon | July 14 | 8:00 am | Paul Tenny |
| Tues | July 15 | 8:00 am | Agnes Frank |
| Wed | July 16 | 8:00 am | Doxie Smentkowski |
| Thurs | July 17 | 8:00 am | Barb Rocchio |
| Fri | July 18 | 8:00 am | Barbara Schmidt |
| Sat | July 19 | 5:00 pm | Kenny Bueter |
| Sun | July 20 | 7:30 am | People of the Parish |
| | | 9:30 am | Leo & Amelia Morrone |
| | | 11:30 am | Mike Biscan |

July 19th and 20th

Proclaimers

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| 5:00 pm | Peggy Mikko, Joe Nenninger |
| 7:30 am | Ruth Haen, John Holmes |
| 9:30 am | Helen Salamone, Jo Ann Vess |
| 11:30 am | Vicki De Long, Richard Ortmann |

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

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| 5:00 pm | Margaret Bottchen, Donna Clifton, Carol Freihaut, Bev Gregory, Katie Tutass, Ralph Munzlinger, Barb Nenninger |
| 7:30 am | Andrew & Paul Morlock, Ann Riley, Dale Robinson, Phyllis Smith, Marie Strayhorn, Linda Weber |
| 9:30 am | Dale Andrews, Mary Copeland, Fran Corley, Carol Delue, Bruce Gallion, Margaret Gerling, Deb Pigue |
| 11:30 am | Glenda Clayton, Debbie Cleek, Andrea Lawson, Ruth Livingston, Paul McDonnell, Denise Ortmann, Connie Stubits |

Servers

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| 5:00 pm | Taylor Fischbach, Kelly Reeves, A. Whitehead |
| 7:30 am | Jackson & Teddy Bjornstad, Jodi Woolsey |
| 9:30 am | Haley Ide, Hannah Mraz, Jessica Queen |
| 11:30 am | Joshua & Joey Carbone, Delaney Lawson |

Ushers

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| 5:00 pm | Larry Bottchen, Bill Clifton, Arnie Lohbeck, Ken Munzlinger, Jerry Sheets, Wayne Thome |
| 7:30 am | Doug Bjornstad, Wally Freihaut, John Nahlik, Paul & Steve Morlock, Vince Rocchio |
| 9:30 am | Gene Corley, Tim Diffey, Lee Hoffman, Cal & George Flynn, Ray Wieschhaus |
| 11:30 am | Robert De Long, Andy Nappier, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, David Witt, 1 needed |

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word during the summer

Heavenly Dusters

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

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