

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 29, 2010

Monday, August 30

8:15AM Virginia Misuraca by Mary Lee Gross

Tuesday, August 31

8:15AM Del Hertich by Joe & Zona Hennrich

Wednesday, September 1

10:00AM Charles Maes by Ann Howie & family

Thursday, September 2

No Mass

Friday, September 3

8:15AM Patrick T. Korando by Pat & Giny Tiff

Saturday, September 4

5:00PM Tor The Parish

Sunday, September 5

9:00AM Peggy Wolff by Loren & Peggy

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUG. 29TH THRU SEP 5TH

Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 11AM - 1PM K of C Luncheon

Tuesday Mass at 8:15AM

Wednesday 10AM Mass at St. Ann's

Thursday Fr. Gene's Day Off

Friday All School Mass at 8:15AM

Saturday 5PM Mass

Sunday 9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The readings today center on **mindfulness: awareness of where we stand in God's plan.** The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance: even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives. *Altar* means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: September 5, 5PM, Justin Bert, Alissa Schmerbauch; 9AM, Issiac Wingerter, Brandon Buchheit

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for August 22nd: \$5,496.00 from 159 env.; Improvement Fund, \$734.00; V. Lights, \$33.00; Children, \$2.00.

DINNER/AUCTION: Come one, come all to the first 2011 Gala Dinner Auction Meeting, Sept. 2, 2010 at 7PM at the Parish House. We are always looking for new ideas. Please feel free to join us.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The date for the 2011 Gala Dinner/Auction is March 26, 2011. Please pass this date on to all your friends.

W. DEANERY LADIES MEETING: W. Deanery Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 16 at St. John the Baptist in Red Bud. Registration begins at 9AM in the gym. Cost is \$8.00. Fr. Dan Jurek and Carolyn Gilster Wylie will be the speakers.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: PRIDE - The proud hate pride - in others

PRO LIFE: "Nothing could be more foreign with the American experience than legalized abortion. It is inconsistent with our national character, with our national purpose, with all that we've done, and with everything we hope to be." Speech at Notre Dame at the late Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED: During the summer months to properly cool the entire Church it is necessary to have the fans running beneath the balcony. **PLEASE DO NOT TURN THESE FANS OFF.** The air conditioning unit under the balcony relies on the fans to move the cool air forward. If you find it too cool under the balcony or have difficulty hearing, you are encouraged to move to the front of the church nearer to the altar.

ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISER: At this year's Popeye Picnic St. Mary's will be sponsoring a "THEMED BASKET" STAND. Chances will be sold to win the baskets. We are asking your creativity in making "themed baskets" (for example, a Carwash Basket which could include a bucket, chamois, sponges, tire spray, car wax...) Each basket should be worth \$15 - \$25. If you prefer, a monetary donation of this amount can be made or individual items can be donated where the committee will assemble them for you. Please return the Baskets to Church (where the Advent Giving Tree is normally located) by August 29th. If you have any questions, please call Dee Shemonic at 826-4410 or Diane Kerkhover at 826-2229.

PSR - PSR Classes for K through Grade 8 are to begin on Sunday, Sept. 19th. New Students and Kindergarten students are particularly important to register ahead of time. Classes will be in the Parish House following the 9AM Sunday Mass until 11AM. Fee per family is \$75.00. For further information and first time registration, please contact Cheryl Gross, 826-2526 or 853-2678.

RCIA - RCIA is scheduled to begin on Tues. Evening, Oct. 5th. Do you know someone interested in the Catholic faith? Please invite them to join us. For further info. Contact Fr. Gene (826-2444) or Cheryl Gross (826-2526 or 853-2678).

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY: We cordially request your presence in celebrating the "Three Year and Three Month" anniversary of the Chester Area Christian Food Pantry. Located at 128A Koeneman Acres, on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 from 2 - 6PM. Light refreshments will be served and tours given. At 5PM donors and volunteers will be recognized. We hope you can join us so we may officially thank you for your past and future support. For more information, contact the pantry at (618)826-3141 Mon. & Wed. 9 to 2.

SMORGASBORD - Once again the ladies of our parish will be hosting their always popular smorgasbord at Popeye's Picnic. The meal will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sept. 12, 2010. Serving will be from 11AM to 2PM. The menu will feature the best fried chicken anywhere along with chicken and dumplings, ham, spinach salad, vegetables, and an array of delicious desserts with drink included. The cost will be \$8.00 adults and \$5.00 children under 12 years old. Carry-outs will be available.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new officers of St. Mary's School Board: Grant Deterding, President; Trevor Vasquez, Vice President; and Angie Eubanks, Secretary.