

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. Ann Catholic Church

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*Your Stewardship of Treasure
725 registered families*

The week ending August 9, 2009

Sunday Offering 157 envelopes	6,274.21
Children's Offering 3 envelopes	3.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	711.14
Auto draft (8/7/09)	8,991.00
Total	15,979.35

Fr. Reid's homilies are on the website:
www.stannsparish.org

Attention!!! We have rosaries - **hand made rosaries made by the children from Africa** for donations. These rosaries are made of seeds that the children collect for the brothers. Stop by the church office and pick up a couple rosaries.

If you need to book a room in the **Allen Activity Center**, please call Charlie Nesto at 704-523-4641 x227 Tuesday and/or Thursday 9:00-11:00am.

The next Baptismal Preparation class will be September 13th at 9:00am. Please call the church office to sign up for this class.

Our R.C.I.A. class will begin on Monday, September 14th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is interested please call the church office or come on Monday, September 14th and inquire about the class. All are invited.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, August 30th is due Tuesday, August 25th.
Sunday, September 9th is due Tuesday, September 1st.

August 23, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

For the past several weeks our Gospel has focused on the Bread of Life Discourse from the 6th chapter of the Gospel of John. This very important passage contains much of the Church's scriptural background for our belief in the Eucharist. Holy Mother Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith lives. Therefore, our communal offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most important event of our week. It is there that we come to give thanks to our Lord for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. It is there that we seek to be nourished and strengthened in holiness by His Word and by the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. And it is in Mass that we, as a community of faith, come together to glorify God. Thus it is of utmost importance that we nourish within ourselves a deep devotion and reverence for the Eucharist and that we strive to worship our Lord as our Church asks us to worship.

To help facilitate our devotion to the Eucharist, the Diocese of Charlotte has been sponsoring an annual Eucharistic Congress for the past 4 years. This has been a truly blessed event that has grown to over 10,000 participants. This year the Congress will take place September 25 & 26 at the Charlotte Convention Center. This event begins on Friday evening with a sacred music concert, and continues on Saturday with a Eucharistic procession, holy hour, and talks from nationally-known Catholic speakers. The Congress will conclude on Saturday evening with a Mass offered by our bishop. There are also programs for children of all ages, as well as a track for Hispanic Catholics. This year's Congress will also feature our very own St. Ann's Schola, which will be performing at 3:30 p.m.

I strongly encourage you to come! If you would like more information, please read the posters in the hallway or visit the website at: <http://www.goeucharist.com/>. Please keep in mind that there will be no Saturday confessions or vigil Mass on September 26, per our bishop's request, so that all priests can attend the closing Mass of the Congress.

May our gracious Lord, through the intercession of His Immaculate Mother, bless and keep you all!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

Fr. Reid



Please be generous to the DSA by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below

Stained Glass Window: *We have only 3 windows left!* If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.

Building Update: With the final coat of stucco on the building, most of the exterior work is complete. The “Piazza” will be graded and the brick paver walks will be installed next. With that done the area around the church will be finish graded and then seeded. The memorial sign wall is going up. The inside of the wall will house the over 250 memorial bricks that were sold. The outside of the wall will be getting large bronze lettering with our name proudly displayed. Most of the activity is now focused on finishing the interior. The electrical systems are all working now and the air conditioning is keeping it cool and dry so the mill work can be installed. The mill work is all the wood detailing like crown molding, columns, coffered ceiling detail, etc. The walls and ceiling have all received their first coat of paint. Our reconditioned pews are ready and will be installed as one of the last items. As with any project there have been a couple of issues to deal with. The stained glass windows are being finalized for installation but that is taking longer than anticipated. Installation of the frames that the glass will rest in started this week but the actual stained glass will start going in this coming week. Additionally, our marble flooring contractor is having issues getting the marble from the quarry so the installation of the sanctuary flooring and altar will not happen until early October. Our goal is to have our first Mass in the Church on September 12th. In many ways the church will still be a work in progress but will still be a beautiful place to celebrate the Mass and will allow us to move out of the cafeteria!

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

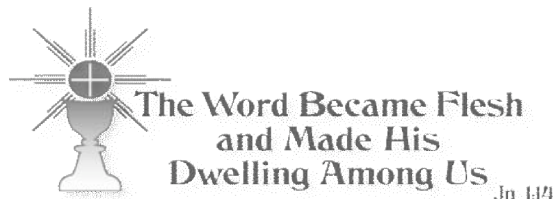
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Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or loved ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line “immigrant window” and send to the church office. Call Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532 for details. (Received: 15,132.06 – as of 08/02/09).



Eucharistic Congress 2009 Friday, September 25th at 6:00pm Convention Center opens, 7:30pm Concert of Sacred Music, 8:30pm Immaculee Llibagiza. **Saturday, September 26th** at 8:00am Convention Center opens, 9:00am Eucharistic Procession begins Holy Hour, Homilist 3:30pm Latin Mass Schola, 4:30pm Mass.

Please keep all of our servicemen and servicewomen in your daily prayers.

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr., USN,
Louis Cragg, US Navy,
Todd MacDonald 1st class Petty Officer,
US Navy, Ted MacDonald Sgt. US Marines,
Richard Beard A.F. National Guard Master
Sergeant, Austin Timm Montana National Guard,
Corp. Justin David Schoonover

Masses:

Sunday, August 23, 2009

8:00am Mass +Steve Paine
by the Harris Family
10:30am Mass Intentions of our parish family
12:30pm Mass Intentions of
Ben and Hilda Pimentel (Anniversary)

Monday, August 24, 2009

7:00am Mass +Russell Gray
by Derek Gray

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass
For St. Ann's Benefactors and their loved ones

Thursday, August 27, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Machaela Gerold
Birthday Intentions
by Mary Pat Anthony

Friday, August 28, 2009

8:30am School Mass
Intentions of Pat Taft
by Jane Pickhardt

Saturday, August 29, 2009

11:00am Baptism
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of Kathleen Miner
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Sunday, August 30, 2009

2nd collection is for Our Home Missions
8:00am Mass +Clyde Shinn
by Derek Gray
10:30am Mass +Kathleen Garlock
by Derek Gray
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, August 31, 2009

7:00am Mass +Tad Randel
by Sara Jackson

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

7:00am Mass +Don Sample
by Sylvia and Jack Hurley

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm English Mass +Claire Gray
by David and Joan Richardson

Thursday, September 3, 2009

7:00am Mass +Shannon Tarrence
by Derek Gray

Come for a Night of Prayer on Wednesday,
August 26th at 7:00pm. For more information please
contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153 or
carolynfranks@netzero.net.

Merrywood Atria for information on living at the
senior center please call 704-523-4949 or email
erin.warchol@atriaseniorliving.com. There are lots
of affordable deals at this time. Check it out!!

Your August 28th issue of *The Catholic News & Herald* will feature articles and information on the
Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection. Please
take the time to read these articles so that you can
be better informed about the retirement and benefits
plans. All registered families should soon receive
information in the mail from Bishop Jugis. Please
respond generously to the second collection on
September 12th and 13th.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, August 23rd

Masses

Monday, August 24th

6:00pm dance group-gym

6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2

7:30pm World Rosary-off site

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, August 26th

5:00pm Holy Hour

7:00pm Night of Prayer

7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room

Thursday, August 27th

7:00pm Bingo-gym

Friday, August 28th

5:00-8:00pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, August 29th

9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2

9:30am Ceramics

11:00am Baptism

2:00pm-cl 1 and 2-in use

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 30th

2nd collection is for our home Mission Collection

6:30pm Men's Club-gym

Monday, August 31st

6:00pm dance group-gym

6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2

7:30pm World Rosary-off site

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, September 2nd

5:00pm Holy Hour

7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room



The last book of the New Testament is also probably the most difficult and misunderstood book of the Bible. Our Revelation study includes a 5-lesson supplement series on the book, *Will Catholics Be 'Left Behind'?* by **Carl E.**

Olson, which examines the false notion of a secret "rapture," and the best-selling "Left Behind" books. Learn the true story about the theories promoted by this popular phenomenon. **Revelation study authored by Dr. Scott Hahn and Mark Shea. Lectures by Fr. Matthew Kauth.**

Registration for Catholic Scripture Study is currently underway. Classes meet weekly from September to May, beginning Sunday, September 13th from 7-8:30pm. The fee for materials is \$45.00. Please complete a registration form and drop it off at the office with your materials fee or mail it to Mary Paul Forsyth, 3817 Providence Plantation Lane, Charlotte, NC 28270. For more information contact Mary Paul at 704-844-9367 or mpforsyth@earthlink.net.

Mark your calendars now for a pilgrimage in March 2010! Fr. Reid will be going to Saint Bernard Abbey Retreat and Conference Center with a tour on Tuesday, March 2nd through Thursday, March 4th. More details to follow.

The Men's Club will be meeting on Sunday, August 30th at 6:30pm for dinner and will have a meeting following dinner which will include guest speakers. This is the first meeting of the fall. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend!

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. –St. Therese of Lisieux

Mark your calendar for Room At The Inn's (www.rati.org) Fifteenth Annual Fundraising Banquet, "Fifteen Years of Life-giving Hope," to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the Charlotte Convention Center. The guest speaker will be David Bereit, founder of "40 Days for Life." More than 200,000 people have joined his pro-life campaign, saving over 1,500 babies from abortion, including 150 babies in the greater Charlotte area. For information to make reservations or to host a table of eight please contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com or 704-541-0858.

Petition to Help Pregnant Women Choose Life: Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. Helping is as simple as a few clicks on your internet. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/> No contribution is necessary and petition names will not be used for any other purpose.

IMPORTANT: If you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the "Sign Petition" box. If you do not wish to make a contribution to the petition website, simply leave the website after you click the "Sign Petition" box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our Legislature.

There will be a **Respect Life Meeting** following the 10:30am Mass TODAY, August 23rd in Classroom 1 & 2. All are welcomed.

Join us to pray the Rosary to stop abortions at the Hebron Abortion Clinic off South Blvd. Every Saturday at 9:45am.

Want to know more about Pro-life issues from abortion to understanding stem cell science all in the context of our Catholic Faith? Then please help yourself to a **FREE** copy of *Celebrate Life* magazine. You can find them on the table in the hallway outside of Church. Read it then pass it on to a friend!

Rachel's Vineyard retreat, for healing after abortion. For both men and women. Our next week-end retreat is September 18th-20th. Call the Catholic Social Services Respect Life Office, 704-370-3229, rachelsvineyard.org.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Spouses are encouraged to responsibly plan their families, making use of natural methods to postpone having a child temporarily or indefinitely for good reasons. Modern methods of natural family planning are 97% to 99 % effective for postponing pregnancy. Natural family planning methods also assist couples trying to achieve pregnancy to identify their window of fertility. You are invited to attend a free introductory class in the Meeting Room, at St. Patrick Cathedral on Saturday, September 5th at 6:45pm or Sunday, September 6th, at 10:45am or 1:45pm for more information. These classes are sponsored by the Catholic Social Services Natural Family Planning Program.

World Rosary, Monday, August 24th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

Catholic families should be living symbols of our conviction that life is always, always a gift from God. Teach your children to respect human life from conception to natural death. Pray as a family for an end to this evil that destroys the weakest of the weak, the poorest of the poor.

-National Conference of Catholic Bishops



Have you ever taken some time to figure out what percentage of your income goes to the church and other charitable causes?



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. *"lighting up the community one hand at a time."*

**St. Ann's Women's Society
Fall Kickoff Luncheon**

The Women's Society will a Luncheon on Sunday, September 20th in the gymnasium. All members of the Women's Society and those interested in joining are invited. For questions and to R.S.V.P. please call or email Chris Brunhuber at 704-540-9252 or ccb43@earthlink.net. This luncheon will be in lieu of our regular scheduled September meeting.

Diocesan Anniversary Celebration-If you are celebrating your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year, please contact our church office if you wish to be included in the celebration. The Mass will be held on Sunday, October 25 at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Mass begins at 3pm and will be followed by a reception. To receive an invitation, you must call our church office.

Come join our **Ceramic Group** Tuesdays 9:00am and Saturdays 9:30am. Call Bob at 704-523-1182.

**Faith Formation Registration
Sunday, September 13th 8:45am**

NEW "fast track" registration! You may download and print registration forms in advance! Find this form on St Ann website (go to Ministries, then to Faith Formation). Fill out one per student and bring them with you on the 13th. Copy of baptism certificate and applicable fees must accompany each registration form.

Faith Formation fee schedule below.

*Sacramental Fees are applicable to each student regardless of whether they attend public school or Catholic school. For those who are unable to pay fees, or need special payment plan, please contact Sister Judy 704-521-9589 after September 7th. If you are able to sponsor a student who's family is unable to pay, please contact Sister Judy.

Fees for students of Faith Formation:

\$50 one student

\$90 two students

\$130 three or more students

Sacramental Fees (For First Communion and Confirmation students)

Additional \$40 per student

**We look forward to seeing you on
September 13th!**

Children's Liturgy for children ages 4-8 **will meet again in the fall.** Watch the bulletin for details.

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.

NEW DATE
Saturday, October 31st



A Carnival Is Coming . . .

Silent Auction

NEEDS: Consider donating a week at your beach house or condo, Panthers' or Bobcats' tickets, new electronics, designer clothes, NASCAR souvenirs, new computer games still in their boxes, sports memorabilia, gardening equipment, artwork, crystal, etc.

Or, do you know:

- A restaurateur who would donate dinner for four
- A golf course contact who could come up with a free round
- A landscaper, handyman, artist, photographer, or . . .

A Carnival Is Coming . . .

Games

Is your H-T popup tent still in its box or barely used? Consider donating it to the Carnival.

A Carnival Is Coming . . .

Arts & Crafts & Books

Please consider donating your hand-wrought creations: ceramics, quilts, sweaters, knick knacks, books, paperbacks or whimsical items for sale.

Contact Jo Crisp at 704-962-3105.

A Carnival Is Coming . . .

Booth Sponsorship

Consider sponsoring a Game Booth @ \$50, a ride venue @ \$175 or the Carnival Stage @ \$250.

Contact Ted Peters (704) 523-9233

Take Your Family,

Bring Your Friends,

Invite Your Neighbors

A Carnival Is Coming . . . To St. Ann's

Saturday, October 31st

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)
6:00 – 8:00pm

Calling all parents and chaperons! Our Youth Group needs you to help this summer on Sundays and for next year to help with our Youth Group. Call the church office if you want to help with our youth. Our Youth need you!

Holy Spirits Ladies Guild Christmas Craft Fair is Saturday, December 5th. Spaces available for \$15.00 and is open to all crafters in the area. Call Sherry Anulies at 704-820-2895 or pinkms@carolina.rr.com.

Help Wanted: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. Others are facing an uncertain future. You may be able to help! If you or anyone you know is looking to hire, please consider those within our church family first. Contact Marcy in the office for names and numbers of those currently searching for employment. (Please be sure to contact the church if you would like your information to be included on this list.)

Attention parishioners! We would like to set up a service of support. Service of Support list you could put your company, your hobby or your service. We hope to have an "Angie List" of people and companies such as lawn service or planting flowers, plumbers of the parish and painters and those who pour cement. We would like to have a list of photographers and companies that do house cleaning. Not only would this help our parishioners with their companies it would help our parishioners who need jobs in certain areas. Call the church office if you would like to be the first on our "Service of Support list. (SOS list).

Please pray for: (in our parish): James Gerard, Don Millard, Maggie Bernard, John Nunes, Joan and Richard Knechtle, Ryan Nguyen, Mimi Gibson, Katie Sloan, Gerry Buening, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth and Danny DeHority, Gerald Dugan, Jane Grist, Richard P. Morency, Kate Mulkey, Helen Norton, Bill Prall, Jo Prall, Dolly Ballaro, Odette Ramsey, Alice Roth, Nellie Lopez, Catherine Silverthorne, Cecilia Gaffney, Louis Pagan, Mary Murphy, Geraldine Hossenlopp, Ana Troppoli, Bill Hall, Jeff Edmond, Mary Ann Conrad, Virginia Doman and Harrietta Merrill.

(and among our relatives and friends: Cordelia Dixon (mother of Steve Dixon), Angela Moliere (friend of Deborah Robert), Jack Broxterman, Janet Foss (mother of Bonnie Wheeler), Shannon McNelis, Maryanne Dale, John J. Eichorn, and Phillip D. Scruggs (friends of Charles Williams), Luke Wenzl (nephew of Pat and Jim Rebol), Deanna Case (mother of Brenda Eckmair), Patty Hunter, (daughter of Margaret Hunter and sister of Karen Ponischil), Pat Bryant (sister of Kathy Karr), William Grist (husband of Jane Grist), Jerry Eish, Roy Wheeler (father of Scott Wheeler) and Joanna Lyons (niece of Joanna Smith).

Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated: Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Aranjó, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, Aimee Porter and Walter F. Sanders, Jr.

Have dinner with Archbishop Charles Chaput: Announcing the Envoy of the Year Gala on October 8, 2009 in Charlotte, honoring Archbishop Chaput for his courageous leadership. Hosted by the Envoy Institute of Belmont Abbey College and emceed by Patrick Madrid. Visit www.envoyinstitute.net.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to participate as a volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies; High Cholesterol, Hypertension, Diabetes, Depression, Migraine headaches, Arthritis of the knee, Epilepsy, Crohn's Disease, and others. Call 704-527-6672 or 704-940-1842 (Spanish). www.pmg-research.com/metrolina.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Monday, September 7th no school

Friday, September 18th no school

Monday, September 21st

Mid term reports

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Timothy Reid – November 2009. Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual pilgrimage to Israel this November with Fr. Timothy Reid! This pilgrimage will take you to see all of the important places that our Lord knew during His life on earth. Trip highlights include: Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, and all that Jerusalem has to offer. The 11-day pilgrimage leaves from Charlotte on November 9th and returns November 19th. Trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, taxes and tips. Brochures can be found on the table in the hallway. For more information or to register, call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499.

St. Gerard's Club. Missions: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth, or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com. *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

Save the date for our annual **Children's Consignment Sale Saturday, October 10, 2009** from 8:00am until 1:00pm St. Gabriel Catholic Church. We sell gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, furniture, accessories and maternity items. Consignors will receive 60% of their sales. Unsold items may be picked up or donated to local charities, which are all tax-deductible. All proceeds go to help families in our community. The sale is held in the St Gabriel Catholic Church Ministry Center on 3016 Providence Rd, Charlotte.

Attention All Cursillistas! The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Charlotte is hosting a diocesan-wide Grand Ultreya at Steel Creek Park /Campgrounds in Morganton, NC on Saturday, September 19, 2009. The Grand Ultreya begins at 11:30am, with Mass at noon. Lunch follows (please bring covered dish and a 2-liter drink; Cursillo will provide hamburgers/hotdogs). Other events include guitar music, group reunion, spiritual talks, and hiking/nature trails for children. The event ends at 3:30pm. From I-40 west bound, exit 105 at Morganton, go right; continue through town-upon leaving town you will be on NC 181. Keep on NC 181 to Steel Creek. From I-40 east bound, exit 100 west of Morganton, go left and continue to NC 181, then turn left and go to Steel Creek. Steel Creek is about 13 to 15 miles from I-40 by either exit.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, September 21st) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Please email CHLT5NC@aol.com.

If you aren't praying for your child, who is? **Moms in Touch** is an international organization of moms who pray for their children and their children's schools. Our children need our prayers desperately in today's society and these prayer groups meet regularly to pray for these special intentions. If your children are in Catholic schools, public schools, private schools, Christian schools, home schooled, college, etc., Marie Foster (704-366-3332 or TGAMFOSTER@aol.com) to get the name of a MIT leader for your child's school.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. Activities: Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!) Monday, August 24th** at 7:00pm in the Reception Room at St. Vincent de Paul Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **August 26th** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny's DOC.

Do you have the *charism* of the family of St. Dominic? A new Chapter of the Dominican Laity is being formed. The Inquiry meeting: Sunday, September 13th, 2009 at 2:00pm, St. Matthew's Church, New Life Center, 1st floor Room 132. For information phone: Mary Snow at 704-847-4405. On the web: www.charlottelaydominicans.org. Email: info@CharlotteLayDominicans.org.

Pure Fashion is a faith based program for girls ages 14 to 18 or 8th-12th grades to help young ladies feel confident about who they are and how they present themselves to the world, always remembering their dignity as Children of God. The seven month program (meetings are typically once a month on Sunday afternoon) will culminate with a fashion show April 18, 2010 at The Charlotte Convention Center. Deadline for your application is August 23, 2009. Cost per model is \$225. Scholarships available. www.purefashion.com.

St. Peregrine Healing Prayer Service Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. St. Matthew Catholic Church. 704-543-7677. Please join us for this solemn prayer service and blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine.

O'Donoghue Classmates plan a Reunion: Graduating classes 1950-1954 are invited to a Reunion on September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2009. For details contact: Mary Ann Frantz at 704-523-1466.

St. Vincent DePaul Society is helping a family that is in need of a refrigerator. If you have one to donate, please call the church office with the details. Thank you for all you do for our needy in the area.

The Shepherd's Center: September 17th, it's a trip to the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa for lunch, then onto the Thomas Wolfe Memorial. Next it's the Folk Art Center and the Asheville Farmers Market before heading back to Charlotte. On October 9th, it's a trip to the Shelton Vineyards & Mt. Airy for the 43rd Autumn Leaves Festival and it's celebrating the holidays on November 12th with a trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater details to follow.

Come be inspired by "Damien," a play based on the life of Damien of Molokai, "Apostle of the Lepers," who will be officially canonized a saint on October 11, 2009. Just one performance at 8:00pm on October 10, 2009 at the Haid Theatre on the campus of Belmont Abbey College. Call 704-461-6787 to reserve your seat.

Interested in Joining Cub Scouts? For any parent of a 1st through 5th grade boy interested in joining Cub Scouts, Pack 288 at St Vincent de Paul will be hosting an open house on Thursday August 27th from 7:00-8:00pm in the St Vincent de Paul Church Activity Center. Call the Cubmaster, Richard Cashman, at 704-552-1334.

Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is a not-forprofit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. They provide relief for the caregiver and activities and friendship for the care receivers. They provide support groups for caregivers dealing with a memory loss family member. They are free and open to the public. Meeting times are: Bereavement Group now meets the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church Room, E in the Ministry Center. Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers. They meet from 10:00am –3:00pm at St. Gabriel on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.



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SEGÚN RUMORES . . .

En la época de Jesús circulaban muchas creencias sobre el Mesías, el Cristo, el Ungido de Dios. San Mateo, san Marcos y san Lucas cuentan la historia de la profesión de fe de Pedro en Cesárea de Filipo; sólo san Mateo incluye la parte que escuchamos hoy en la que esta manifestación de fe en Pedro lo convierte en la piedra sobre la que Jesús edificó su Iglesia. Jesús sabe, como lo ilustró antes en el Evangelio según san Mateo con la parábola de las casas edificadas sobre arena y sobre piedra, que nada que no tenga cimientos firmes puede durar. También hoy escuchamos a Jesús agregar, inmediatamente luego de la profesión de Pedro, una orden estricta de no decirle a nadie en seguida. La fe es la base pero se necesita tiempo, enseñanza y discernimiento para comprender esto adecuadamente y poder decírselo a los demás. Es más, en los tres evangelios, lo primero que Jesús hace luego de ser revelado como Cristo por la fe de Pedro es comenzar a enseñarle a sus discípulos que ser el “Mesías” o “Cristo” significa sufrir mucho y morir, creencias que no se tenían comúnmente sobre el Ungido de Dios.

ASÍ EN LA TIERRA COMO EN EL CIELO

En el curso de los evangelios hay una enseñanza constante de Jesús, la cual indica que la manera en que vivimos y actuamos en la tierra tiene una relación íntima con las obras del reino de Dios. “Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo” es lo que pedimos e inmediatamente agregamos “perdona nuestras ofensas así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden”. En el juicio final del Evangelio según san Mateo se nos dice que la forma en que tratamos a los hambrientos, a los pobres, a los marginados y a los oprimidos es la forma en que tratamos a Cristo. Hoy Jesús le da a Pedro su vocación, tal como nos la da a cada uno de nosotros los bautizados, o sea, a la Iglesia. Podemos no entender este pasaje o no interpretarlo bien si pensamos que podemos ejercer algún tipo de control sobre la gracia o sobre la misericordia celestial. Es más preciso decir que Jesús nos da el encargo poderoso (y un tanto abrumador) de vivir una vida cimentada en el perdón celestial e infinito, de ser testigos de él, el Mesías, el Cristo que, al morir en la cruz para cumplir la obra que se le encargó como Mesías dijo como últimas palabras, “Padre, perdónalos”.

Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 22:19–23; Salmo 138:1–3, 6, 8; Romanos 11:33–36; Mateo 16:13–20

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La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$15,132.06) Nuestra meta es de. : **\$25000**): \$25.000). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este país. Para quienes han participado, gracias por su contribucion financiera. Si no ha participado todavia, por favor considere el hacer una contribucion economica para honrar nuestros inmigrantes, ancestros, amigos y/o seres queridos que han muerto sirviendo en este país, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo físico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este país grandioso. !Que Dios los tenga en su seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento en la oficina de la iglesia. Para mayor informacion, puede comunicarse con Esteban Cardoso 704-733-7532.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Cuando Jesús dice que hay que comer su cuerpo y beber su sangre (Juan 6:55), los cristianos católicos, literalmente, seguimos sus palabras. En esto somos muy fundamentalistas: cuando Jesús dice que el pan es su cuerpo y el vino es su sangre, lo creemos de todo corazón (1 Corintios 11:24-25). Para los católicos, nuestra fe y estilo de vida están basados en la consagración del pan y vino en el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo.

La Iglesia primitiva reconocía con tristeza que no todos los que querían seguir a Jesús podían aceptar la realidad de su cuerpo y sangre. Por eso, Juan el evangelista dice que muchos abandonaron a Jesús cuando éste les habló del sagrado convite (Juan 6:60-69). De la muchedumbre que le seguía, poquísimos continuaron con él. Quienes siguieron acompañándolo reconocían que Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna. Esta verdad la vemos reflejada en la celebración de la misa, pues del Pan de la Palabra pasamos al Pan Eucarístico. Escuchamos su palabra para luego comer su cuerpo y beber su sangre a fin de tener vida eterna.

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CASAS AL SERVICIO DE DIOS

Antiguamente, la palabra “familia” tenía un significado muy amplio. Cuando Josué habla hoy de que su familia servirá al Señor, no se refería solo a las personas que vivían dentro de sus paredes ni a sus parientes de sangre o políticos; se refería a los esclavos o criados y sus familias y cualquier persona que estuviera en deuda con él por algún motivo. Incluso su ganado y demás bienes debían consagrarse a servir a Dios. En nuestro mundo, valoramos mucho la libertad de los individuos para elegir de qué manera vivir y no se nos ocurriría poner a nuestras mascotas al servicio de Dios. Pero, al discernir nuestra vocación como discípulos bautizados en Cristo, llegamos a comprender la diversidad de las “familias” de nuestra vida: la manera en que obramos con nuestros cónyuges, hijos, compañeros de habitación o con quien sea que vivamos; nuestro comportamiento con los vecinos o en público ya que cada día nos topamos con muchos “extraños” en los negocios o en la calle, quienes de repente se convierten en “el vecino”. ¿De qué manera podemos usar nuestro tiempo, recursos o dones con fines desinteresados en vez de con el fin de obtener algún beneficio personal? Sin importar en qué clase de vida demos testimonio de la Buena Nueva, todos tenemos una “familia” que debe consagrarse al servicio del Señor, nuestro Dios.

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Su iglesia y la comunidad, ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en servir en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristía, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

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