

October 4, 2009

In today's Gospel Jesus answers questions about marriage and divorce and then receives the little children. He teaches us that to enter God's kingdom we must become like children. Let us ask for the grace to be small before God and before each other.



 **Eucharistic Celebrations**

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Colin Miller, Ann.
Dortha O'Donnell, Ann.
- 10:00 a.m. Heiress Heiser, Ann.
Richard Davis, Ann.
- Tues. 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- Thurs. 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- Sat. 5:30 p.m. Neil Megown
Norma Branham
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Margaret Murphy
Jack Gwinner
- 10:00 a.m. Deacon Harold Orscheln, Ann.
People of the Parish

ALTAR MINISTERS - OCTOBER

5:30 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Kim Ahrens, Ted & Carol Fix, Sean Meyer, John Rolsen, Paul Sculley, Sue Sculley - alt.

Minister of the Word: Jerry Distler

8:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Geri Graves, Toni Turner, Sharon Welch, Don & Mary Zeiger, Randy Wheeler, Sr., Rosanne Roy - alt.

Minister of the Word: Lori Dowil

10:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Rayburn & Pat Cook, Shirley Davis, Sarah Deien Spike & Theresa Ehrhardt, Mark Novak - alt.

Minister of the Word: Gene Libey

Greeters - October

- 5:30 p.m. Skip & Paula Quirk, Mary Pipkin
- 8:00 a.m. Bruce & Dolly Athman, Larry Failor, Sr.
- 10:00 a.m. John & Amy Hark, Jan Folweiler

Servers - Oct. 10-11

- 5:30 p.m. Joseph Meidl, Sarah Meidl, Danny Norman
- 8:00 a.m. Alex Addison, Bradley Campbell,
Eric Hugenberg
- 10:00 a.m. Terry Fishbeck, Evan Lewis, Cory Novak

My Dearly Beloved People of the Diocese of Jefferson City,

Today on October 4th, Respect Life Sunday, we join with Catholics throughout the United States in celebrating God's gift of human life. This year the theme is "Every Child Brings Us God's Smile," words of Pope Benedict XVI. These words are both simple and deep, inviting our pause, reflection and prayer.

As people of faith, these words inspire many things we do day in and day out, sometimes without thinking. But, I invite you to consider them. I am so very grateful for your dedication, love, and respect for God's gift of human life.

Sometimes, it is not easy and maybe we do not notice God's smile. Indeed, God's gift of human life is being attacked from many angles: abortion, embryonic stem cell research, legalized suicide, attitudes that some lives are not worth living, and some lives are not worth protecting. Many people are hurting in the world today, and I am reminded of the current struggle for healthcare reform in our country. However, I want to encourage each person in our Diocese to continue the effort to recognize the sacredness of life and to defend the right of every human being to live from the moment of conception until natural death.

So as we celebrate this day, my hope is that we will all be renewed and joyous as we meet challenges in the days and months to come.

With my best wishes and personal regards, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop of Jefferson City

YEAR FOR PRIESTS In this "Year For Priests"

please pray for these priests of our diocese:

- Fr. Ignacio Medina, Fr. Greg Meystrik,
- Fr. Leonard Misey, Fr. Mike Murphy,
- Fr. Phil Niekamp, Fr. Jim Offutt

Aglow Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, October 5 at 1101 Central Ave. - all are welcome!

WE ASK ETERNAL REST O LORD FOR THE SOULS OF:

- Harold "Tuck" Tucker***, father of Gary Tucker and Glenda McKenzie, both of our parish
- Virginia Yancey***, mother of Rosanne Steinman, of our parish
- Fr. Tom Duggan***, retired priest of the Diocese of Jefferson City



THIS WEEK  IN OUR PARISH

Sun. 10/4 *Respect Life Sunday*

8 & 10 a.m. Masses - all are welcome!
10 a.m. Mass - Pre-School Sunday Gospel Lesson begins in St. Michael Hall for 3, 4, & 5 year olds
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Confirmation Class- St. Michael's Hall
1-2 p.m. Life Chain - in front of Hannibal High School
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting - St. Anthony Room

Mon. 10/5 *No School at Holy Family*

6:30-8:30 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. E's room
6:30 p.m. K of C Auxiliary Wine & Cheese Meeting - K of C Hall - Come and bring a snack to share!
7 p.m. Aglow Prayer Meeting - 1101 Central Ave.

Tues. 10/6 8:15 a.m. Communion Service - church

6:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Growth - St. Anthony Room
7 p.m. Virtus Training - St. Michael's Hall
7 p.m. Lourdes Rosary Procession led by Msgr. McCorkle & **Perpetual Help Devotions** - Holy Cross Chapel Ilasco, MO - all are welcome!

Wed. 10/7 6:45 a.m. Why Catholic Group -

St. Anthony Room
7-8:15 p.m. Religious Ed. Classes in school
7-8:15 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Michael's Hall
7-8:30 p.m. Why Catholic Group - St. Anthony Room

Thurs. 10/8 8:15 a.m. Communion Service - church

7-9 p.m. RCIA - St. Michael's Hall

Fri. 10/9 9 a.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Saturday -

Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel - all are welcome!
6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal - church

Sat. 10/10 Women's CRHP Weekend

2 p.m. Wedding Mass of Mark Reuschel & Sara Anderson Holy Family Congratulates Sara & Mark on their Wedding Day!
 We ask God's special blessings upon them as they seek and serve Him with and through each other.
5:30 p.m. Mass - all are welcome!

Sun. 10/11 Coffee & doughnuts after 8 & 10 a.m.

Masses - St. Michael's Hall
Women's CRHP using school, church, St. Michael's Hall
H.S. Youth Group Meeting

Your Gifts To God

 **And Parish...**

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| Offertory Budget 52 wks. | \$ 1,041,248.00 |
| Needed to Date 13 wks. | 266,695.00 |
| Received to Date | 255,378.30 |
| Over (Under) for Year | (11,316.70) |
| Needed Each Week | 20,515.00 |
| Received Sept. 26-27 | 11,059.12 |
| The total for Sept. 26-27 is comprised of: | |
| Regular Envelopes & Loose | 10,370.36 |
| Youth Envelopes | 127.01 |
| Memorials | 205.00 |
| Masses | 80.00 |
| Religious Articles | 106.75 |
| School Support | 130.00 |
| Religious Ed. | 40.00 |

Building Fund **70.00**

K of C Auxiliary Wine & Cheese Meeting

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will have their Wine & Cheese Meeting on Monday, October 5th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Please come and bring a snack to share!

SAVE THE DATE...A CELEBRATION OF

PARENTS Parents are the first educators in their child's faith. Last year, the Diocesan Vocation Office held Mother's Teas across the Diocese. This year, in honor of the Year for Priests, we are hosting "A Celebration of Parents", a night to assist parents in discovering God's call for their child at Baptism. The emphasis will be on the ordained diocesan priesthood. The evening begins with Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception, and a joint presentation of priest and parent. The evening concludes by 9:00 p.m.

Holy Family will host a "Celebration of Parents" on Tuesday, October 20th.

Everyone who is interested in promoting a vocation friendly culture is welcome to attend! RSVP to the parish office at 221-1078 or to the Diocesan Vocation Office at 573-635-9127 ext. 211 or you can email: followme@diojeffcity.org. More information is available at www.discoverthepriesthood.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be working on the rectory roof in October. We are needing help with clean-up of debris, etc. on the weekend of October 10-11. If you can help, please call the parish office and let us know. Thanks!

LIFE CHAIN

All are welcome to participate in the nationwide Life Chain **TODAY Sunday, October 4 from 1-2 p.m.** on the public sidewalk in front of the high school. Come and pray for one hour silently for our country, its leaders, and a restoration of respect for all human life.

Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

September 23rd marked Day 1 of the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign, the largest single coordinated pro-life mission ever conducted. Tens of thousands of people across 212 cities are uniting in this prayerful effort - as well as countless others in places from coast to coast who will be praying from their homes and churches, imploring God to end the scourge of abortion. This effort has grown and has saved 1,561 children from abortion over the last two years, proof that this is God's work. For more information, go to www.40daysforlife.com. Pray for an end to abortion and a renewed respect for life, from conception to natural death.

Holy Family School Chess Club

Holy Family School Chess Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 3:15-3:45 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall. The Chess Club is open to 4-8th graders. Call Ginny Webb, 248-2001 for more information.

Cursillo Dates

- Nov. 5-8, 2009 - Women's Cursillo
- Jan. 29-31, 2010 - Men's Cursillo
- Feb. 25-29, 2010 - Women's Cursillo
- Mar. 25-28, 2010 - Men's Cursillo
- Apr. 22-25, 2010 - Women's Cursillo
- June 24-27, 2010 - Men's Cursillo
- July 22-25, 2010 - Women's Cursillo

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE TRIP

Those interested in attending should go to www.discoverthepriesthood.com/activities for all the details on participation in this Pro-life event held in Washington, DC in January. Registration forms and fees are on this website.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...



**FOR PROVIDING INTERNET SERVICE TO
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - Oct. 4-11

- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16
- Monday: Jon 1:1-2:1,11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5,8
Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4,7-8
Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10
Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-30

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female, as the scripture says. And for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one. So they are no longer two, but one." Mk 10:6-8

Adults What do I do to promote, protect, and nurture marriage?

Children How have my parents helped me to understand how much God loves me?

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic

Miracles In His Mercy, God has shown us the Flesh and Blood of Jesus through Eucharistic miracles. Come see 126 Vatican authenticated miracles of the world. This walk-through exhibit will be available for viewing at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westphalia on Saturday, October 10 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There is no charge to view the exhibit. For questions, call The Body of Christ Outreach at 636-928-0384.

**Register Now for Marriage Encounter
November 7 & 8 in Jefferson City**

Celebrate your marriage this fall! Sign up now and give your relationship the time and attention it deserves!
-A wonderful thing to do for your marriage and a wonderful thing to do for your family! Contact: Roger and Brenda Kempker at 573-642-3647 or kempker@jeffcityme.org or visit www.jeffcityme.org for more information and to print out a registration form. Space is limited. Register today!

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Middle School Youth Group Schedule (6th, 7th & 8th graders)

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Sunday, October 24th - HAUNTED HOUSE and Bon Fire. We will meet and sit together at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. After Mass we will head off for spooktacular fun!



Sunday, November 8th (tentative date): Third Annual Rake N' Run - details coming later

Saturday, November 21st - Youth group meeting at the rectory (time to be announced)

Contact *Sue Sculley* with any questions at 248-7415 or by email: babsverdel5@yahoo.com

TEC # 261 - Oct 10-12, 2009

Great River Teens Encounter Christ is having a specially designed weekend for youth between the ages of 16 and 21. TEC is a dynamic opportunity where youth can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community where Jesus comes alive. TEC provides time and a place to ponder on ideals, hopes, dreams, problems, and to discover a God that you can believe in...to encounter Christ. This will mark Great River Teens Encounter Christ's 261st weekend and will be directed by Mark & Jamie McDowell, and a host of fun loving people. It runs from 9:30 am Saturday to approximately 6:30 pm on Monday. Cost is \$75 for ages 16-21 and \$100 for 22 and over. Applications are available by contacting Jim and Dianne Deters at 217-224-8340 or from our website at www.greatrivertec.org

Quest #47 - Oct 30-31, 2009

Great River TEC is proud to announce that a Quest retreat will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University. Quest is a 24 hour faith filled experience, from 6PM Friday to 6PM Saturday. Cost is \$40. It is for youth in 8th grade, freshmen or sophomores, designed to help them strengthen their faith in Jesus. If you would like more information or would like to register for the weekend, please call Dwight & Barb Seeley at 217-224-5615, or go to the website at www.greatrivertec.org.

THANKS TO ... INDIAN CREEK WINERY for supplying the wine for our church. Indian Creek Wines are sold at County Market here in Hannibal! Indian Creek Winery upcoming events include:

Hannibal – October 17-18 – Autumn Historic Folklife Festival
Holiday Open House – November 13, 14 & 15 – watch for additional info.

Swinkey Corn Maze The Swinkey Corn Maze, sponsored by the Indian Creek Knights of Columbus, will be open weekends from Oct. 3 – Nov. 1 (Saturdays 12 noon to 10 pm, Sundays 1 pm to 5 pm). Admission to the day maze is \$5 and \$6 to the night maze every Sat night (Dusk – 10pm). Special one-time Friday opening Oct. 30 - (7 -10 pm). Located in Indian Creek, MO: 5 miles South of Monroe City on hwy. 24. Contact Sam Smith at 573-735-2242 or go to swinkeycornmaze.com.

Friday supper through Sunday lunch, October 23-25, 2009 Autumn retreat – *Grief and Healing*. Join Fr. Patrick Caveglia, Karen Ceckowski and Chaplain Joshua Allee for conferences and healing discussions about loss and recovery from hurt. The weekend is anchored by the monastic Liturgy of the Hours and the celebration of the Eucharist. There will be ample time for personal quiet, reflection and prayer. (*Suggested donation for lodging, meals and conferences: \$125 single, \$200 double accommodations*) For more information, please call the Abbey Guest Center, 660-944-2809, or email us at guests@conception.edu.

WHY CATHOLIC Our response to Why Catholic has been very good. Over 160 parishioners are participating, including some from St. Joseph's in Palmyra. During the six weeks of Why Catholic there will be a limited number of Family Faith bulletins in the back of church. Our first one in the series Profession of Faith, Desire for God, is available this weekend. This bulletin includes stories of great Catholic Christians, parenting communication ideas, family activities, bible reflections, and prayers. If you signed up for Why Catholic, and did not receive a group assignment, please call Geri Graves, 221-3410.

In 2008, Christian film producers Alex and Stephen Kendrick followed up their popular screen debut, *Facing the Giants*, with a movie entitled *Fireproof*. It cast Kirk Cameron, famous for his role in the late '80's sitcom, *Growing Pains*, as a firefighter in the last days of a failing marriage. A thoughtful review of the movie can be read at Christian Broadcasting Network website: http://www.cbn.com/entertainment/screen/goodwyn_Fireproof.aspx.

Before finalizing the divorce, his father urges him to take one last step to try to salvage his marriage by taking on a 40 day challenge called, *The Love Dare*. During each day of the challenge, he is to reflect on a passage of Scripture and perform a task whether it be to refrain from negative talk on one day or to go out of his way to show a kindness to his wife on another day. At first, he feels frustrated that his gestures are met with indifference from his wife. Then, in a pivotal scene, he realizes how he has also been indifferent to God's love and yet God has remained faithful to him nonetheless. This inspires him to continue the challenge and makes him even more determined to save his marriage. Eventually, his wife is won over by the change she sees in him and they recommit themselves to their wedding vows. In the meanwhile, the husband has learned that married love requires putting the interests of one's spouse before one's own even when it goes unnoticed or is met with hostility. It is one of the central truths of the gospel that love entails sacrifice.

When reviewing the readings for this Sunday, we might be tempted to overlook the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Whereas the first reading from the book of Genesis and the gospel reading from Mark both deal explicitly with the marriage covenant, the second reading seems arcane and convoluted. However, its focus on the suffering of Christ who for our sakes became "lower than the angels" gets to the heart of what Christian marriage is called to be. Just as Christ put aside his glory as the Son of God out of love for a broken humanity, so a man and a woman are called to sacrifice themselves daily for one another in big and small ways. Just as Christ brought our human nature to perfection through his suffering, so married love reaches perfection through the tireless gift of self that one spouse makes to the other.

The great spiritual writers all knew that through sacrifice a lukewarm heart is brought to a boil. When married love has grown tepid or cold, there is no better remedy than finding ways each day to show kindnesses to one another, to bear one another's burdens and to put the interest of our loved ones before our own. Resentments and conflicts build in married life when one spouse thinks he or (most often) she is doing more housework or childcare than the other. What a difference it would make if a couple rather than trying to work out some 50/50 arrangement actually competed to outdo each other in making the beds, taking out the trash and mowing the lawn! What a difference it makes when couples take on the duties of family life with a generous heart out of love and concern for one another rather than out of a sense of duty or to avoid conflict!

The concerns of everyday life, especially in a challenging economy, can lead us to forget that marriages require daily work if they are to succeed as shining examples of the love and faithfulness of Jesus. Thankfully, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a website dedicated to helping couples find ways to strengthen their love <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/>. Parishes can help out too by offering support groups for couples and by making sure their religious education schedules are not unduly burdensome to families. We will grow and minister effectively as a church when families are healthy and strong.

God created each of us as he did Adam with a craving for another who is "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." That we are made in God's image and likeness means that we are made for love, a love that realizes its potential through self-sacrifice. Whether that love is lived through married life, consecrated celibacy or through a chaste single life, it has as its purpose to imitate the love of a God who spared nothing to save us. - **Doug Sousa**

Prayer Loving Father, you have created us in your image and likeness that we may love one another as you have loved us. Grant that married couples may find in the self-sacrifice of your Son the strength to bear each other's burden and the grace to share in each other's joys. No matter what our state in life may be may our love find its fulfilment and perfection in our willingness to give of ourselves for the good of others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Coming Soon...Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) - Information on the CSA will be mailed to your homes from the Bishop's office on October 21st. A special issue of the Catholic Missourian will be mailed to all households in the Diocese on October 23rd. Please take time to read the information and prayerfully consider your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Our goal will remain the same for our parish as last year, \$17,688.00.