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My dear parishioners:

This week I want to do a little “parishioner bragging” in my letter. I have mentioned to you before how edified I am by the amount of volunteerism there is at Our Lady of the Pines Church. So very many parishioners are involved in ministries and activities which enrich the life of our parish and parishioners. I am truly and deeply grateful to each of you. I would like to bring to your attention a couple special projects which have taken place due to the wonderful expertise and hard work of parishioners.

Family Center Conference Room Bookshelves: In 2016 a former parishioner, Bill Dingas, donated much of his personal theological library to the parish. These books have been on shelves in the Family Center Conference Room. I have accumulated a number of theological/scriptural books over the years. I wanted to donate them to the parish, but there was no bookshelf space available to house them.

Cecil Shriver offered to take on the project of the construction of affixed bookshelves along the wall of the Conference Room. He designed and led the execution of this project, aided by a number of men of the parish. They did an incredible job! The bookshelves are absolutely beautifully made. They are truly of artisan quality. I hope you will stop by soon and see their wonderful work. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank the following men of the parish who worked on this project: Cecil Shriver, Peter Peltier, Don Moore, Don Palermo, Sam Lilley, Bob Jacobs, Gene Emfinger, Jerry Pekar, David Day and Urbano Gonzales. Thank you, gentlemen, and may the Lord bless you abundantly for your service to our parish.

Vacation Bible School: This week a number of women of the parish are feverishly at work preparing for next week’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) for our children. This year they will have a Western theme. The Family Center is being turned into a Western town. I am quite confident that the children who participate in this year’s VBS will learn a lot about their Catholic faith and have a really fun time while doing so. I wish to thank the women who are volunteering their time to prepare for, and lead, this year’s VBS. They are: Lynn Stacy, Kim Buckner, Becky Cross, Brandy Meredith and Lois Henderson. I am additionally grateful to the older youth who will be assisting next week to ensure our children learn their faith, meet new friends, and have a memorable week.

Blood Drive Donation: This past week I received a letter from LifeShare Blood Center thanking us for our latest

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July 7 - July 15, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 7 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
Mass intention for Bill Gremillion

Sunday, July 8 9:00am—Mass
 Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, July 9 4:30pm—Mass
 Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 10 No Mass
 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 11 4:30pm—Mass
 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 12 8:30am—Mass
 Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 13 9:30am—Communion Service
 Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 14 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Mass intention for Sue Overstreet

Sunday, July 15 9:00am—Mass
 Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
 Mk 6:7-13
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

blood drive. We had 11 parishioners who donated blood during the drive of June 10. With blood supplies dangerously low during the summer months, our blood drive was a blessed help to the people of our area. To each of you who donated blood, thank you very much for giving the gift of life to a person in need.

Holy Year 1933 Plaque: Judy Obana donated to the parish a plaque that was recently given to her by a friend who, as an America soldier, had found the plaque in the mud during the Battle of Anzio in World War II. Because it had the image of Jesus on it, he did not want to leave it lying on the ground near the ruins of a bombed-out Catholic church. The plaque gave him consolation and strength through the rest of the war. Cecil Shriver has made a beautiful and fitting frame for the plaque and it will hang in the Family Center Conference Room. Thank you, Judy. Our parish is proud to have this small piece of Church history.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Sun. July 8 <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. July 9 9:00-11:30am VBS 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. July 10 9:00-11:30am VBS 6:30pm—ACTS <i>Team meeting</i>	Wed. July 11 9:00-11:30am VBS 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 12 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00-11:30am VBS	Fri. July 13 9:00-11:30am VBS 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. July 14 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. July 15 <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i> 3:00pm—Stewardship Awards, Beaumont, TX	Mon. July 16 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. July 17 6:30pm—ACTS <i>Team meeting</i>	Wed. July 18 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 19 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. July 20 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. July 21 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

VBS—SonCreek Junction
 July 9-July 13, 2018
 9:00am—11:30am
 Come a little early on Monday to get registered.

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass
 NEW VIDEO SERIES: *The Bible and the Sacraments*
Journey through Scripture
 Led by Madeline Arnett

ANNOUNCING! ACTS Day of Recollection
Saturday, August 25, 2018

If you’ve been looking for an opportunity to reunite with your ACTS brothers and sisters, we are putting together a Team to plan this day. If you’ve completed an ACTS Retreat, we need you.

Pick up a Team Sign-up Brochure at the back of the church or join us for the first meeting:
Tuesday, July 10th - 6:30 pm - Family Center

In Te Christe / Christ In You
 2018 Catholic Men’s Conference hosted by:
 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community
 4300 Meeks Dr. - Orange, Texas
 (409) 883-9153

"Finding Our Catholic Identity"
 Presented by:
 Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
 "The Dynamic Deacon"

Friday, July 20th, 6pm-9:30pm
 Saturday, July 21st, 8am-2:30pm

Register at: [Eventbrite "Finding Our Catholic Identity"](#)
 "Like" us on: Facebook for more details

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Maureen Peltier, Rosemary Urban, Connie McDowell, Billie Matthews, William Frazier, Forrest McDowell III, Henson Crenshaw, Carl Pope, Callie Abbott, Madeline Arnett, John Podgurski, Michael Podgurski, Joyce Davis, Mark Lunsford, Baby Sterling; Rick Schriver, Fr. Carl Shray, Reggie Williams

Repose of the soul: Linda Smith, Garry Mattingly

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

June 23 & 24 Weekly Offering	\$ 3,998.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 846.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

July 9-13: Vacation Bible School
 July 15: Stewardship Awards, Beaumont, TX
 July 20-21: Catholic Men’s Conference, Orange, TX
 July 30-Aug 2: Donation drop off for Parish Garage Sale
 August 3-4: Annual Parish Garage Sale
 August 4: Local Youth World Day, Beaumont, TX
 August 11: Seminar, "Call to Holiness", St. Anne’s, Beaumont, TX
 August 19: Family Day/Pot Luck
 August 22: CCE classes begin
 August 25: ACTS Day of Recollection