

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - September 7
 8:30 am - GUY FIDELIE† by The Fidelie Families
 ROBERT JOHNSON† M/M Dave Johnson/
 MARY† by Van Bui
 11:00 am - INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH
MONDAY - September 8
 8:00am - MELINDA CUMMINS† by M/M John Horn
 ROLAND SIGLER, Sr.†
 by Bill, Stella & Ronnie Hoffman
 IRENE BINDEL† by Deacon & Mrs. Vincent Blake
 10:00am - ND School Mass
TUESDAY - September 9
 8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours
WEDNESDAY - September 10
 6:15 pm - HUNTER SAUERBREY (INT)
 by M/M Jackie McCartney
 JEREMY JOHNSON (INT)
 by M/M Ricardo Saldariagga
 In Thanksgiving - CHRISTIAN FRANDO (INT)
 by M/M Virgil Frando
THURSDAY - September 11
 8:00 am - IRENEO BUCAG† by M/M Feliciano Bucag
 VIRGILIO PLAZA† by M/M John Horn
 STEVE KEGLEY†
 by Deacon & Mrs. Vincent Blake
FRIDAY - September 12
 8:00 am - All Deceased Members -
 VU and TRAN Families† by Diep Tran
 Msgr. CHARLES KING†
 by Deacon & Mrs. Larry Bills
 In Thanksgiving - CHRISTIAN FRANDO (INT)
 by M/M Virgil Frando
SATURDAY - September 13
 6:00 pm - HENRY EDWARDS† by Eleanor Edwards
 Special INT - DENNIS and ALI MAREK
 by Deacon & Mrs. Jim Bindel
 ELLEN STEWART† by M/M Mark Price
SUNDAY - September 14
 8:30 am - JAMES POTTER† by Theresa Potter
 DOUGLAS PARADEIS† by Joan Paradeis
 In Thanksgiving (INT) by M/M Davy Tolentino
 11:00 am - INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 *
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Tue: 1 Cor 6:1-11 * Lk 6:12-19
 Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31 * Lk 6:20-26
 Thu: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 * Lk 6:27-38
 Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 * Lk 6:39-42
 Sat: 1 Cor 10:14-22 * Lk 6:43-49
 Sun: (Exaltation of the Holy Cross): Nm 21:4b-9 *
 Phil 2:6-11 * Jn 3:13-17

Those For Whom We Pray

Parishioners, Family & Friends

Kelsey Diana Allen, Tammy Allen, Lois Allison, Nicholas Allison, Vic Allison, Dennis Anderson, Wanda Baker, Wanda Baltine, Elizabeth Bater, Joan & Robert Baumann, Al Belgrado, Dick Belgrado, Shirley Bennet, Tommy & Sheryl Berend, Jeanette Bilbay, Deacon Jim Bindel, Anna Bogart, Cyndi Boone, Glen Borgman, Ed Boulware, Erica Bowers, Rocky Bray, Jo Bybee, Ivy Cadotte, Shirley Chancellor, Laiken Choate, Marge Conklin, Joan Cook, Jeff Conrady, Grace Ann Crocker, Mike Crumpton, Joe Cuba, Johnnie & Nellie Deal, Brandi Dickey, Faye Dominy, Mark Dreher, Carol Faustina, Jathan Fields, Johnnie Fields, Jerry Fletcher*, Mary George, Lola Clyde Greaves, Courtney Shook Gysell, Dustin Hall, Adell Harvey, Jean Hoing, Don & Jean Isbell, Ray Jackson, Nelda Jansen, Pat Jentsch, Eve Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Angela Kemper, Dick King, Bonnie Kocher, Anita Kortbawi, Ron Ladeau, Casey Lane, Jeff Langen, Bernard & Marion Lauer, Brandi Lawson, Marife Lee, Fred Lentz, Art Litteken, Shirley Litteken, Abel Mahesh, Eloise Majewski, Rusty Maley, Ryan Maley, Clara Mathe, Mike & Virginia Michonski, Dale Minniear, Kaden Moisant, Carolyn Morath, George Morath, Steve Morath, Clyde Morbitzer, David Musil, Stephen Musil, Dorothy "Dot" Myers, Jan McElroy, Julie Newberry, Billy Newberry, Jennifer Newberry, The Parker Family, Geneva Pennartz, Joe Petz, Joe Petz, Jr., Nina Peysen*, Karen Poirot, Betty Pond, Trinity Rayne, Aubrey Reaves, Lori Ross, Chuck Ryan, Nelda Schreiber, Charles Simons, Bette Skurkey, Jeff Smith, Kathy Spyra, Danny Steed, Audrey Stephens, Greg Stevens, Stacey Stowe, Sister Devota Sweeney, Johanna Sweeney, Ida Toth, Dorothy Ward, Renea Ward, Josie Wheeler, Jan Wiggins, Kinzey Wilson, Mary Wilson, David Wright, Jr., Diane Wright, Signe Yelland, Adam York, Dan York, John Warmuth*, Dorothy Wolf*, & Lucy York.*New this week

Because of space limitations, names will be taken of the prayer list after 3 months.

Please call the church office if you would like the name returned to the list. Thank you for your understanding.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS THIS WEEK

9/8 - Rev. Joseph A. Schumacher	9/11 - Very Rev. John Robert Skeldon	9/13 - Very Rev. Thomas Stabile, T.O.R.
9/9 - Rev. John Shanahan, T.O.R.	9/12 - Rev. Dennis Smith	9/14 - Rev. Christopher Stainbrook
9/10 - Rev. Robert Sieg, OFM		

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world.

Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.

May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
 - for September**

Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

For Evangelization: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

**The Sympathy and Prayers of our parish
 are with the Family and Friends of**

**Margaret "Peggy" Taylor
 (wife of Bill Taylor)**

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon her.
 Amen.**



O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

August 31:\$

Faith Direct

August 4:\$22,298.47
 August 15:\$16,678.83
 Priest Care Fund:\$906.00

www.faithdirect.net (church code: TX420)

Thank you for all the generous gifts that you provide for our parish. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collection donations of your choosing. It is the most convenient way to make sure that the parish receives your gift regularly. No more checks to write or envelopes to worry about. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: TX420, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

SUNDAY - September 7

Donut Social after Mass/SJR
 9:30am - (K-6th grades)Religious Education/
 NDE School
 (7th & 8th grades)Discovery/PH
 4:00pm - Baptism Class/SJR

MONDAY - September 8

7:00pm - OLQP Men's Club/PH
 6:30pm - Altar Society Gen. Mtg & Potluck/SJR

TUESDAY - September 9

Intercessory Prayer Group after Liturgy of the Hours/HFC
 3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC

(SJR-St. Joseph Room; HFC-Holy Family Chapel; PH-Parish Hall; NDE Cafe-Notre Dame Elementary Cafeteria; CR-Conference Room; WR-Workroom; BR-Brides Room; MR-Music Room)

WEDNESDAY - September 10

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
 4:00pm - Adoration/HFC
 5:30pm - Rosary/HFC

THURSDAY - September 11

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
 7:00pm - R.C.I.A. /NDE Cafeteria
 C.R.H.P. (M)/PH

FRIDAY - September 12

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC

SATURDAY - September 13

Christ Renews His Parish Weekend
 4:00pm - Reconciliation/HFC

PARISH ACTIVITIES

The Roof is Up! Please continue to pray for the safety and success for this wonderful project that will help to grow the needs of our parish family. If you have not made a pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a commitment. We hope that everyone will participate in this endeavor to build a space that help to increase the needs of our parish and community.

To increase or extend your pledge, please use the blue Pledge Increase-Extension cards located in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have given additional above their pledged amount. If you are pledging for the first time, please use the white Pledge cards also located in the Narthex.

PLEDGE UPDATE as of: August 22, 2014

GOAL: \$3,000,000

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$2,792,976.68 (Includes \$825,000 received in Grants)

AMOUNT COLLECTED: \$2,130,218.88

of Families Pledged: 448

All E-Giving will be done through 'Faith Direct' our online giving program. Online enrollment forms are available in the Narthex. Or go directly to www.faithdirect.net to enroll. For the Capital Campaign online enrollment, use Church Code: TX508. To afford the greatest tax benefits for our parish, Campaign gifts are processed through the Diocese of Ft. Worth Advancement Corporation.

Religious Education (K-6th Grade)

Welcome Back Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Students and Teachers

Sunday's 9:30-10:45am at ND elementary school
Registration Form and calendar online at www.olqpwf.org and at the parish office

September 7th (1st RE)

September 14th at NDHS on Lansing

September 21st at NDHS on Lansing

September 28th at ND elementary on York

For more information please contact Sr. Ginny in the office.

Men in Christ

Men of the Parish: Do you have a desire to grow as a Christian man? Come join the MEN in CHRIST as we pray, explore Scripture together and support one another in our Christian walk. Meet us in the Conference Room each Saturday (except 2nd Saturday of the month) at 7:30am. Call Jack at 696-0741.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday mornings - Sept. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday evenings - Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

In the St. Joseph Room

SAVE THE DATES!!!

• Thu., Sept. 25: Red Mass

For all attorneys, judges, public officials, and their families and staff. Info - www.fwdioc.org

• Sat., Sept. 27: A Celebration of LIFE

The Bishop's 10th Annual Catholic Respect Life Gala
Info - Yolanda Newcomb, (817)560-2452 ext. 118 or ynewcomb@advancementfoundation.org

• Sun., Sept. 28: OLQP Men's Club

First Annual Roland Sigler, Sr. Enchilada Dinner
*Details Later

• Sun., Oct. 5: LIFE CHAIN - LIFE is Priceless!!!

27th Annual Life Chain from 3-4pm;
corner of Callfield & Midwestern Parkway
Info - Deacon Jim at the church office

• Sun., Oct. 12: Parish Picnic

*Details Later

• Thu., Fri. & Sat., Oct. 23-25:

"Walking Together in Faith"
8th Annual University of Dallas Ministry Conference
Info - www.udallas.edu/udmc



Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth on ALS Association Bucket Challenge

The ALS Association Ice Bucket challenge is a rage. But some Diocese of Fort Worth Catholics have raised questions about participating in the challenge because some of the funds will be used by ALS to fund research done with embryonic stem cells.

Bishop Michael Olson observes that embryonic stem cell research goes against Catholic moral teaching about the sanctity of life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Many Catholics, as well as others, in the Diocese's geographic area suffer from ALS. Research to find a cure for the disease is important to those who are afflicted.

Therefore, Bishop Olson urges Catholics who participate in the Bucket Challenge to direct their financial contributions to an organization which conducts research in a manner consistent with Catholic teachings: The John Paul II Medical Research Institute.

The John Paul II Medical Research Institute (JP2MRI), located in Iowa City, IA, "focus on the most ethical and cost effective way of conducting medical research to help develop therapies and cures for a variety of diseases." Complete details about the JP2 Medical Research Institute and how to donate are available at: <http://jp2mri.org/>

Bishop Olson asks every Catholic in the Diocese to pray for those afflicted with ALS and for their families who are providing such loving care.

A Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Sunday afternoons at 4:00

Youth Ministry chapel at Sacred Heart Church (upstairs in the Pastoral Annex)
call Jack at 696-0741 or Manuel at 322-5958

Safe Environment Sessions for 2014

Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7pm - First Time

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9am - Update

All sessions will be held in the Church office conference at 4040 York St.

Contact the parish office at 940-696-1253 for more information or to sign-up.

All parish volunteers MUST maintain current status to continue in their ministries.

OLQP Men's Club

Next Meeting: Monday, September 8

ALL Men of our Parish ages 18 and older are members and are highly encouraged to attend monthly meetings. (First Monday of the month @ 7pm in the Parish Hall). NO Membership Fees. Call Mike Carlton, President more info: 696-9162



FLOWER BUD VASES NEEDED

If you have small and unwanted single bud vases, please bring them to the church office so that they will be used for the St. Therese Flower Ministry. These flowers are delivered to people in the hospital, nursing homes, and shut-ins each week. We only need small bud vases....no large ones please.

Parish Announcements

CAPS of LOVE

(National Council of Catholic Women Service Project)

NCCW has been a longtime advocate to the need to RECYCLE plastic and other materials in an effort to be good stewards of GOD's earth. This a fun and easy way to fulfill that mission and help provide wheelchairs for disabled children! Start with your Council of Catholic Women members—include your school-aged children, parish scout troops, high school teens and preschoolers—everyone should be involved!

Which caps should you save? **HARD PLASTIC CAPS!** — From laundry detergents, hand sanitizers, beverage bottles, toothpaste, shampoo, spray paint, hair spray, tennis ball can lids, grated cheese, cream cheese, salad dressing, peanut butter, medicines and so many others. **COLOR IS NOT AN ISSUE!** — Save them ALL!

NO METAL!!! Please remove All paper inserts and send only caps!!!

“Caps of Love” is the only US affiliate of the International Charity “Bouchons D’Amour”, dedicated to helping the disabled. Recycling plastic caps raises money to buy wheelchairs for disabled children. This also has an environmental benefit as discarded caps are put in our landfills or incinerated which harms the earth in not recycled. Plastic caps are a different grade of plastic from the bottles and are valuable in bulk. They can be sold to companies using recycled “post-consumer” plastic to create new products such as plastic shipping pallets, park benches, plastic paint cans and many other items. For more information, visit: www.capslove.com or contact Nan at 544-2243 or Judy at 723-5288.

Parishioners are invited to attend the next Christ Renews His Parish Weekend at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. We ask that you prayerfully consider HIS call to you and join those whom HE has also called, have responded
....and have been blessed.

Women: September 13/14
Men: September 20/21



The weekend is open to ALL Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace who are at least twenty-one years of age and have not attended a previous CRHP weekend. It is for anyone who seeks spiritual renewal, desires to build up the Body of Christ, or gain a deeper sense of purpose within the parish community. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is calling you, then come to the weekend. You will be blessed. Please know that every effort will be made to accommodate your special needs.

Registration forms are available online www.olqpwf.org and in the Narthex and Chapel entrance. Or you may call the church office.

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FEAST & CELEBRATIONS

Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The source for the story of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Protoevangelium of James, an apocryphal gospel written about A.D. 150. From it, we learn the names of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, as well as the tradition that the couple was childless until an angel appeared to Anna and told her that she would conceive. (Many of the same details appear also in the later apocryphal Gospel of the Nativity of Mary.)

The traditional date of the feast, September 8, falls exactly nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Perhaps because of its close proximity to the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not celebrated today with the same solemnity as the Immaculate Conception. It is, nonetheless, a very important feast, because it prepares the way for the birth of Christ.

Sept. 9 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest (Patron Saint of African-Americans, Colombia)

The Holy Spirit's might and power are manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver. A decision to leave one's homeland never to return reveals a gigantic act of will difficult for us to imagine. Peter's determination to serve forever the most abused, rejected and lowly of all people is stunningly heroic. When we measure our lives against such a man's, we become aware of our own barely used potential and of our need to open ourselves more to the jolting power of Jesus' Spirit.

Peter Claver understood that concrete service like the distributing of medicine, food or brandy to his black brothers and sisters could be as effective a communication of the word of God as mere verbal preaching. As Peter Claver often said, “We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips.”

Sept. 13 - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Patron Saint of Orators, Preachers, Speakers)

A powerful public speaker, he was a brutal critic of clergy who abused their office and royals who turned a blind eye to the suffering of the poor. He died in exile as a result.

Sept. 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine), travelled to Jerusalem to retrace places in Jesus' life. When she tore down the Temple of Aphrodite, workers found three crosses, one of which was thought to be the Cross on which Jesus died. On the site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Come learn about our Northwest expansion, programs and services. Find out how **YOU** can get involved.

Information Lunch Session

Wednesdays, September 3 & 17

12 pm - 1 pm - Lunch will be provided - RSVP required
(unable to attend, I will come to you or your organization)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come be a part of our outreach to the Wichita Falls community in our efforts to End Poverty in our diocese. Ask how you can help! **Carry Hope Tote & Home in a Box Projects**

Disaster Response Volunteer

Severe weather safety tips, safety plans/kits/local recovery efforts

Contact: Susan Cronin (940) 716-9669
all events are in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart

OLQP Men's Club

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INTERFAITH MINISTRIES

Current Needs: Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Dried Beans, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pasta (dry), Rice, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese.

Toiletries: Body Soap, Laundry detergent, deodorant & toothpaste.

Paper Products: Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Kleenex

Eyeglasses: prescription or reading glass that you don't need. These items go fast. Place items in the basket located in the Narthex. Every bit helps families with real needs in Wichita County and Holliday.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

• GOSPEL OF JOHN led by Sister Patricia, SSMN

Continuing our study on the Gospel of John begins on Sunday, September 28, in the Chapel from 9:40-10:45 am. We will begin with the 4th Chapter of John. Everyone is welcome, even those who were unable to participate last spring. Registration for all will take place after the Weekend Masses beginning with September 6 & 7. Take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus through prayerfully studying this wonderful Gospel.

• HARVESTING THE WILDERNESS led by Jack Abel, parishioner

Reading the Old Testament for Spiritual Profit (a 9 week series). The will begin Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:40am and will start on September 28

One hears comments like:

"It's too hard to understand"

"I tried but I gave up"

"I'm not sure how to read the Old Testament"

Come grow in our ability to reap the benefits of reading the Old Testament. A little more knowledge and an honest effort will help open our eyes to the treasures of God's Word in the Old Testament.

Topics to be covered:

- The Vatican Council Document on Divine Revelation and the Old Testament
- Why read the Old Testament when we have the NEW?
- What divine inspiration of such diverse books as Exodus, Isaiah and Job means?
- Applying an Old Testament book or text to our life today.

• **Sacred Heart's Mom's Group** is beginning a new Bible Study covering Luke & Acts of the Apostles. All women of OLQP, whether or not you're a mom, are invited to join. The study, from Catholic Scripture Study Inc., is a doctrinal based Roman Catholic Group Study Program, written by Sister Marie Therese Wright, SSMN. We meet 9-11:30am the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month upstairs in the Pastoral Center (Berend Rm) at Sacred Heart. Childcare is available. Questions/ More Info/Register please call Tonya Genewick 689-8218 or 910-489-2997.

JOB Opportunities:

Part-Time Cafeteria Worker

Director of Enrollment (see website for details)

Applications available at the Upper Campus.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

1516 Beverly Drive (723-4971)

Come see the great selection of items that are available.

Like us on Facebook: Wichita Falls St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store.

Youth Ministry

PRAY • LOVE • SERVE

For more information
Call Greg Brown 696-1253
greg@olqpwf.org

Discovery (Middle School Ministry, 7-8th) Sunday's 9:30-10:45am

Registration forms and calendar available online at www.olqpwf.org, in the office or after all Masses August 30 and 31. (Please note that a Form A for 14/15 must be completed for this school year if not yet completed through our summer activities since June of 2014. Form A will be kept on file until it expires in May of 2015 so that you only have to fill it out once per year per child. Form B must be filled out additionally for each event youth participate in thought the year.)

September 7th (1st Discovery) in Parish Hall

September 14th @ NDHS Gym

September 21st @ NDHS Gym

September 28th @ NDHS Gym

Verso L'alto (High School Ministry, 9th-12th) Wednesday's 7pm-9pm

Registration forms and calendar available online at www.olqpwf.org, in the office or after all Masses August 30 and 31. (Please note that a Form A for 14/15 must be completed for this school year if not yet completed through our summer activities since June of 2014. Form A will be kept on file until it expires in May of 2015 so that you only have to fill it out once per year per child. Form B must be filled out additionally for each event youth participate in thought the year.)

September 10th (1st Verso L'alto) in Parish Hall

September 17th in Parish Hall

September 24th in Parish Hall

For more information please contact Greg Brown in the office.

Youth Ministry is in need of a few good Catholics. We are looking for adults and young adults who love their Catholic faith and want to share Christ with our youth. Please prayerfully consider a ministry in leading our Youth to a Future of embracing their Catholic Faith. see www.olqpwf.org/volunteer and contact Greg Brown.

Keep up with what's going on at www.olqpwf.org/youth

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

— Saint Gregory the Great

ADULT FORMATION

Thursday evenings at 7pm in the
Notre Dame Elementary School Cafeteria

• The Historical Roots

Often called "the catechumenate," the RCIA (formation of adults) or CIC (formation of children) is a process of faith development and catechetical instruction which culminates in full membership in the Christian Roman Catholic community — the reception of the "sacraments of initiation": baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. This journey of faith is similar to the one people made when joining the early Church communities. Today's revised process, promulgated in 1972, calls on the entire parish community for involvement and prayerful support.

• Inquiry and Its Rite

During the first stage in the faith journey, inquirers begin to form relationships with one another and with their catechists. Sessions are informal, with life stories shared and curiosities about "things Catholic" answered. When a decision to continue in the process is made, inquirers obtain sponsors or godparents to mentor them along the way. Then, the Rite of Acceptance Into the Order of Catechumens is celebrated within the community's Sunday Mass.

In the ND Elementary School cafeteria @7pm

All are Welcome (even if you are already Catholic) to the Inquiry Sessions to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Call Deacon Jim at 696-1253 if you are interested.

GROWING IN Faith

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today's gospel challenges us to come together in His name. Is God in your Marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on November 7-9, 2014. Dates fill fast. To apply visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.seccion15.org/>

Divorced and Re-married?

If you are divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church without a Decree of Invalidity, or if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, you may not partake of the Sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion. Until it is shown otherwise through the ministry of the Tribunal, no person is free to enter into another marriage without the appearance or occasion of serious sin. A divorce alone would not affect, or hinder in any way, your participation in the Catholic Church. A divorced Catholic is free to receive the sacraments. However, if you are divorced and have remarried, or if you are divorced and in a new relationship, or if you are living with someone without a Decree of Invalidity (and your former spouse is still living) you may not partake of the sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion).

Consider seeking a Decree of Invalidity which will enable you to return to a full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information contact Deacon Larry Bills at the Church office at 696-1253.

Beginning Experience

Are you, or is someone you know, struggling after the loss of a marriage partner? The Beginning Experience is a peer ministry for widowed, separated, or divorced individuals. It is a weekend program to help move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning of hope for the future. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, this ministry is open to men and women of all faiths. The next weekend retreat will be held October 24-26, 2014 at the Catholic Conference and Formation Center in Dallas. To register please call or text our voicemail number at (682) "BE-DFW-GO", that is (682) 233-3946, or e-mail the DFW Beginning Experience Team at beginningexperiencedfw@gmail.com. Additional info can be found at www.beginningexperiencedfw.org.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Did you know... today's Natural Family Planning is not the old "rhythm" method? The Couple to Couple League is offering NFP classes at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. This is a 3-part class, and the next class series will take place on Sundays from 1:30- 4:30pm in the Berend Room. If you would like to sign up for this class or any other upcoming classes, please go to www.ccli.org and fill out the online registration form. If you have any questions, you may contact Lauren Morath at (940)544-2515 or ormorath@srcaccess.net.

Rachel's Corner

Alcohol won't take the pain away.

For real healing after abortion, come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and pour your heart out to the Lord.

Rachel Ministries • 817-923-4757

Next Retreat October 10

GOOD NEWS!

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September 7, 2014

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20

One of my favorite retreat exercises is to ask participants to think of a motto that could guide them for the rest of their lives. What fragment of a prayer, scriptural text, or saint quotation would let people know how you want to live your life?

If nothing comes to mind, I give them Bibles and invite them to skim the epistles and Gospels for possibilities, reminding them that this is their motto for today and that they can change it tomorrow.

Once they have their mottoes, I ask them to reflect on what it would look like if they lived with the motto always on their mind. The exercise helps focus people on what they do well and on what needs a little work.

Over the years, I've returned frequently to the beginning of the epistle: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I remember when I've done that well and when, driven by anger, fear, or ego, I've fallen far short of the ideal. It has always appealed to me as a wonderful motto.

Today, however, I'm struck by the second half of this reading: "It is the hour now for you to wake from sleep... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

I think there are many times when we're asleep and unaware of how we hurt others by what we say and do.

What if we saw everything as Christ did, touched everyone as Christ touched them? If we put on Christ, we wouldn't need to tell people which words we hope will guide us. We'd simply become the living example of them.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY

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dear Padre

Dear Padre!

September 7, 2014

What does the Church teach about body art? What does the Church teach about tattoos, body piercing, and shaping?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what they'll think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might.

The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). Leviticus 19 says, "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos (28). But it also says, "Do not... spoil the edges of your beard" (27).

I broke that law this morning when I shaved. In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the New American Bible, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers" (usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/#

Leviticus).

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1 Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you

do get a piercing or a tattoo, never forget that you're God's temple.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pope Gregory the Great

A rich man's son, St. Gregory renounced the world and became one of seven deacons of Rome. At 34 years old, he was appointed Rome's Chief Magistrate but resigned to become a monk and turned the family estate into the Abbey of St. Andrew.

At age 50, he became Pope. As Pope, he used his political skill to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Take charge of the New School Year

A new school year is exciting and challenging for students and parents. To focus on the excitement and meet the challenges of growth, try these tips:

Put your student in charge.

No matter what age or grade, your student is able to handle tasks related to school. For example, let her pack up her own backpack or book bag at night with her homework, books, and planner so she has all she needs for the next day. If she needs support, consider posting a checklist near the spot where the backpack or book bag is kept to remind her what to pack. This empowers her and gives her a feeling of responsibility and control.

Provide a homework spot.

Help your student decide on a quiet spot in your home perfect for completing homework each evening. Check to see that it has been completed. Send the message that it's important to give schoolwork and homework his best effort.

Treat religion class like a class.

Whether your child goes to Catholic School or the parish school of religion, give religion class the same weight as reading and math. It's a life skill, too.

Pray together.

Lead your child in prayer and help him hand his concerns over to God. Assure him that God is with him always and he is never alone.

Why do we need the Sacraments?

If we were to rely only on ourselves to be good, we wouldn't get far. Humans have a natural tendency to make selfish choices and choose what is easy rather than to choose God and what is right. That is called "concupiscence" -an inclination to sin.

Through faith, we discover that we are God's children and that he gives us strength by sharing his divine life with us. We call this strength, "grace." Grace comes to us through the Sacraments.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Counseling Services

Working in partnership with Sacred Heart and Our Lady Queen of Peace, Catholic Charities Fort Worth provides counseling services at Sacred Heart Monday through Thursday from 4 to 6 PM to assist individuals and families:

- Through the challenges of raising a child
- Resolving marital conflict
- Coping with depression, anxiety, and the stresses of daily life

Let us help you find hope and healing.

Contact the Clinical Counseling program with Catholic Charities at 940.716.9669 or speak to your parish office for more details.

The St. Joseph Health Care Trust

The St. Joseph Health Care Trust assists individuals who are medically uninsured/underinsured and who meet eligibility criterion. This includes assistance with prescriptions, dental services, physician visits, and other services. For more information please call Stella at (940) 552-0347. (This program is administered through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Worth.)

Immigration Consultations in Wichita Falls

This opportunity allows you to have an immigration consultation with an immigration attorney or a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative without traveling outside of Wichita Falls. Our professionals will serve you via video from our main office in Fort Worth. You will be speaking privately and confidentially with an authorized person qualified to evaluate your situation and give immigration legal advice.

Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1504 Tenth Street, Wichita Falls)

Open by appointment: Thursdays and Saturdays

Schedule an appointment: 817.289.2801

Cost of the consultation: \$30

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PRAYER for OUR TROOPS Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.