

SUNDAY - October 5

8:30 am - ANGELA HEIDEMAN† by Theresa Potter
DENNIS and ALI MAREK (INT)
by Deacon & Mrs. Jim Bindel
HELEN TIBEY† by M/M John Horn
11:00 am - INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH

MONDAY - October 6

8:00am - GEORGE STUDDARD†
by Caroline Studdard
MELINDA CUMMINS† by M/M John Horn
ROLAND SIGLER, Sr.†
by Bill, Stella & Ronnie Hoffman

TUESDAY - October 7

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

WEDNESDAY - October 8

10:00am - ND School Mass
4:00pm - Adoration of the Most Blessed
Sacrament (until 6:30pm)

THURSDAY - October 9

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

FRIDAY - October 10

8:00 am - LAWRENCE HOLUB† by Shirley Holub
MILAN SARCHET† by The OLQP Sixers
JASON and BRENDA LIPPS (INT)
by Lois Baldrige

SATURDAY - October 11

6:00 pm - BEN CONNORS† and SHANE RIVARD†
by M/M Ryan Syrus
BOB and HELEN TIBEY† by M/M John Horn

SUNDAY - October 12

8:30 am - ALL Deceased Members of The VU
and TRAN Families† by Diep Tran
HOWARD and TINA NEEB†
by The Stallcup Family
11:00 am - INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH

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

† **Isabel Bernal** (mother of Jose Bernal)

† **Barb Kenney** (aunt of Mike Genewick)

† **Betty Lennemann** (sister of Karen Renner)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

September 28:\$8,049.66
Special Collections:\$50.00

Faith Direct

September 4:\$19,073.71
September 15:\$15,252.61
Catholic University of America Fund:\$1,414.00

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DAILY READINGS

Monday - Gal 1:6-12 8 Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday - Gal 1:13-24 * Lk 10:38- 42
Wednesday - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 * Lk 11:1- 4
Thursday - Gal 3:1-5 * Lk 11:5-13

Friday - Gal 3:7-14 * Lk 11:15-26
Saturday - Gal 3:22-29 * Lk 11:27-28
Sunday (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Is 25:6-10a *
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 * Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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 "Beth" Bater, Joan & Robert Baumann, Al Belgrado, Dick Belgrado, Shirley Bennet, Tommy & Sheryl Berend, Jeanette Billbay, Anna Bogart, Cyndi Boone, Glen Borgman, Ed Boulware, Erica Bowers, Rocky Bray, George Brosche, Jo Bybee, Ivy Cadotte, Sonja Calliste, Shirley Chancellor, 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, Kay Findley*, Jerry Fletcher, Mary George, Lola Clyde Greaves, Courtney Shook Gysell, Dustin Hall, Adell Hanvey, Jean Hoing, Don & Jean Isbell, Ray Jackson, Nelda Jansen, Pat Jentsch, Eve Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Jonathan Kegley, Angela Kemper, Bonnie Kocher, Anita Koribawi, Ron Ladeau, Casey Lane, Jeff Langen, Marion Lauer, Brandi Lawson, Marife Lee, Fred Lentz, Art Litteken, Shirley Litteken, Abel Mahesh, Eloise Majewski, Rusty Maley, Ryan Maley, Clara Mathe, Kristi Melsteade, Mike & Virginia Michonski, Dale Minniear, Kaden Moisant, Carolyn Morath, Clyde Morbitzer, David Musil, Stephen Musil, Dorothy "Dor" Myers, Irene Myers, Jan McElroy, Julie Newberry, Billy Newberry, Justin Parks, The Parker Family, Geneva Pennartz, Joe Petz, Joe Petz, Jr., Nina Peysen, Karen Poirat, Betty Pond, Trinity Rayne, Aubrey Reaves, Eddie Richardson, Lori Ross, Chuck Ryan, Nelda Schreiber, Charles Simons, Bette Skurkey, Jeff Smith, Kathy Spyra, Patricia Ste. Marie, Danny Steed, Audrey Stephens, Greg Stevens, Stacey Stowe, Sister Devota Sweeney, Johanna Sweeney, Yvonne Talbot*, Ida Toth, Dorothy Ward, Renea Ward, Josie Wheeler, Jan Wiggins, Kinzey Wilson, Mary Wilson, Dorothy Wolf*, David Wright, Jr., Diane Wright, Signe Yelland, Adam York, Dan York, & 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

10/06 - Rev. Alexander Ambrose, HGN 10/09 - Rev. Luis Gerardo Alvarez Abonce, CORC 10/11 - Rev. Mel Bessellieu
10/07 - Rev. Reehan Soosai Antony, SAC 10/10 - Rev. Richard Baranski, OFM 10/12 - Rev. Ronald Boudreaux, SJ
10/08 - Rev. Gerard Mary Anyanwu

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 October

Universal: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

For Evangelization: That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world

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

SUNDAY - October 5

Altar Society Corporate Communion at Mass
9:30am - (K-6th grades) Religious Education/
NDE School
(7th & 8th grades)Discovery/PH
Bible Study/WR-Church Office
Noon - YM Confirmation/SJR
4:00pm - Baptism Class/SJR
6:00pm - CRHP (M)/PH
MONDAY - October 6
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
6:45pm - Season's of Hope/CR
7:00pm - Men's Club Mtg./PH
TUESDAY - October 7
Intercessory Prayer Group after Liturgy of the Hours/
HFC
9:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry/SJR
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
7:00pm - YM Confirmation/SJR
Bible Study/NDE Cafe

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

WEDNESDAY - October 8

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
4:00pm - Adoration/HFC
6:00pm - Rosary/HFC
7:00pm - Verso L'Alto/PH
CRHP (W)/NDE Cafeteria
THURSDAY - October 9
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
7:00pm - R.C.I.A. /NDE Cafeteria
FRIDAY - October 10
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy/HFC
SATURDAY - October 11
4:00pm - Reconciliation/HFC
9:00pm - Women's Retreat/PH & NDE Cafe
SUNDAY - October 12

PARISH PICNIC - NDE School Grounds
9:30am - (K-6th grades) Religious Education/
NDE School
(7th & 8th grades)Discovery/PH
Bible Study/WR-Church Office

PARISH ACTIVITIES



The Family Life Center is taking shape! 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: September 7, 2014

GOAL: \$3,000,000

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

AMOUNT COLLECTED: \$2,149,045.57

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.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Thu., Fri. & Sat., Oct. 23-25:
"Walking Together in Faith"

8th Annual University of Dallas Ministry Conference
 Info - www.udallas.edu/udmc

Fri. Oct. 31: "Trunk or Treat"
 Fun for the Everyone!!!

Sat., Nov. 1: Families: Where Saints are Made

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Church
 (861 Wildwood Lane in Grapevine)

In the Family Life Center

Doors Open: 8:00 a.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Walk-up Registration: \$20 per person;

\$30 per couple (Lunch will be included).

Info: Chris Vaughan,

Dir. of Marriage and Family Life

817-560-2452 ext. 269 cvaughan@fwdioc.org



OLQP Men's Club

Next Meeting: Monday, October 6th

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 for more info: 696-9162

Safe Environment Sessions for 2014

Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7pm - Update

Saturday, Nov. 8 at 9am - First Time

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.

The OLQP Men's Club would like to thank all who came out to support the First Enchilada Meal in Memory of Roland Sigler, Sr. and at the same time raise funds to offer tuition assistance to Notre Dame Catholic School students.



Pilgrimage to TURKEY and GREECE
 (visiting the seven churches)
 April 18-28, 2015 (\$2,799)

Led by Fr. Sojan

Visiting Istanbul, Troy, 7 Churches of Revelation (Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna (Izmir), Sardis, Laodicea, Philadelphia, Ephesus) Pamukkale, Corinth, Athens plus an Aegean Sea Cruise (Ports: Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Piraeus)
 Registration forms available in the Narthex, Chapel entrance and at the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday morning - Oct. 7 & 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday evenings - Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

In the St. Joseph Room

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.

A Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Sunday afternoons at 4:00

Youth Ministry chapel at Sacred Heart Church (upstairs in the Pastoral Annex)

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INTERFAITH MINISTRIES

August Food Donations: 469 pounds

Current Needs: Soup (10 ¾ oz. size), Crackers, Oatmeal, Canned Vegetables (except green beans), Dried Beans, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pasta (dry), Rice (small bags), Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese.

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

Paper Products: Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Kleenex, brown paper sacks

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.

Prayer for Peace in Iraq

Lord,

The plight in Iraq is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord, to spare our lives, and to grant us patience,

And courage to continue to our witness of Christian values with trust and hope.

Lord, peace is the foundation of life.

Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy.

Parish Announcements



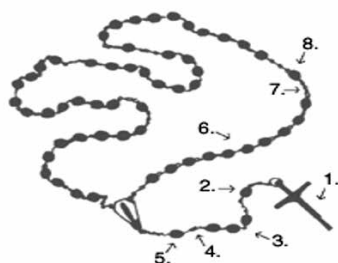
The Joyful Mysteries
(Monday and Saturday)

The Sorrowful Mysteries
(Tuesday and Friday)

The Glorious Mysteries
(Wednesday and Sunday)

The Luminous Mysteries
(Thursday)

How to Pray the Rosary



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. Pray the Our Father.
3. Pray three Hail Marys.
4. Pray Glory Be to the Father.
5. Announce the mystery for reflection and pray the Our Father.
6. Pray the 10 Hail Marys.
7. Finish the decade with the Glory Be to the Father.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Celebrate by praying the rosary daily or by joining us in the Holy Family Chapel every Wednesday at 5:30 (at 6:00pm on Oct. 8).

Lector Ministry

The lector proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, making God present to the gathered community. This ministry calls for confirmed Catholics who are willing to study the Scriptures and practice the readings so that the community hears the word of God. This ministry requires confidence, poise in front of people, reading skills, and the ability to develop proclamation techniques and a clear voice.

If you feel a calling to this ministry, please call Ann Belgrado @ 691-4794.

Sharing in Ministry

Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. By making a gift to the Sharing in Ministry Bishop's Annual Appeal, we all share in the work of our diocese and the mission of the church.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making their pledge this past weekend.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please pick up a pledge card envelope and make your commitment today. You may put the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the church office. ***Our goal is the participation of every family in our parish.***

The Catholic Medical-Dental Guild of Wichita Falls An Evening with Bishop Michael Olson

Saturday, October 25 at Sacred Heart Church
5:00 PM Mass with Special Intention for Healthcare Workers
followed by Dinner, Music and Keynote Address
on Healthcare Ethics by Bishop Olson

(One hour of Continuing Education credit in Ethics for healthcare providers will be available)

Net proceeds to benefit Fort Worth Catholic Charities - Northwest Deanery
Tickets \$40 each or Table of 8 for \$400

Ticket Reservations available at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Office:

1504 10th Street, Wichita Falls TX 76301 or

by contacting catholicmedwf@gmail.com. You do not have to be a healthcare provider to attend.

FEAST and CELEBRATIONS

October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First, a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Mary's. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving the rosary to St. Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of St. Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries (joyful, sorrowful and glorious). In 2002, Pope John Paul II added five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Mary's remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bes remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

"The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb... It can be said that the rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution Lumen Gentium, a chapter that discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church" (Pope John Paul II, apostolic letter The Rosary of the Virgin Mary).

**Get your OLQP "One Family of Faith" t-shirt.
Available at the church office. \$5 each**



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SEASONS OF HOPE

Bereavement Support Group begins this Monday. A Christ-centered support group is for you if any of these are true:

- You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey in sorrow
- You've been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief
- You want to get on with Life but haven't been able to
- You find comfort in the teaching of Christ
- You are open to new ways of coping with your grief
- You don't want to feel alone anymore

The next Season of Hope begins on October 6, 2014 and will meet for six Monday evenings at 7pm m The Seasons do not build on each other so someone could start at any Season. Also, if you have attended a Season you would still benefit from the next Season. Sign-up for this Season will be the weekends of Oct. 4th and 5th after each Mass. Space is limited. For more details, pick up a Seasons of Hope brochure. The class book and instructions will be available at sign up.

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR THE SESSION YOU ARE COMMITTING TO A SIX WEEKS SESSIONS AND NO VISITORS ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE CLASSES. You may also register by calling Helen at 704-1278 or by emailing her at lhills307@gmail.com

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.



Kid's CORNER

Saint Collette Boilet was born in France over 600 years ago. When she was only a small child, she prayed a lot and took care of people who were sick and poor. She became a sister and is said to have worked many miracles during her life and even restored a man to life. She died in Belgium in 1447. She is a great example to follow: so you can remember to pray and care for others.

First Reconciliation is Monday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Religious Education has started. Come and register if you haven't yet! And send your child!

Religious Education (K-6th Grade)

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

Youth Ministry

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

Registration forms and calendar available online at www.olqpwf.org (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.)

**Discovery (Middle School Ministry, 7-8th)
Sunday's 9:30-10:45am in the Parish Hall
(unless otherwise noted)
October 5th & 12th (PH)**

MSM retreat will be October 17-18th. Come join in fellowship, begin new friendships, come learn about our amazing God and get ready for an incredible weekend! All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$25. **Registration deadline October 8th.** www.olqpwf.org/other for more information and registration forms.

**Verso L'alto (High School Ministry, 9th-12th)
Wednesday's 7pm-9pm
October 8th and 15th**

***we still need help with meals for Verso L'alto this year.** If you are interested in preparing and/or providing a meal for our high school program please contact Greg in the office.

**** We are in need of 5 more adults to serve Verso L'alto as Faith Coaches (small group leaders).** For more information please see www.olqpwf.org/how-to-help or contact Greg

**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



The Rite of Christian Initiation

R.C.I.A Inquirer Classes meet on Thursdays at 7pm in the NDES Cafeteria
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.

ADULT FORMATION

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The second reading calls us to "conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ". The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps your marriage to be a sign for the world. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is 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/>

Beginning Experience

Our second reading calls us to "complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.." Bring your marriage to a unity of heart. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage at an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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/>

Natural Family Planning Classes

Did you know that... when used properly, Natural Family Planning is 99% effective at postponing pregnancy?

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 lmorath@srcaccess.net.

Young Catholic Professionals

Executive Speaker Series Event featuring:
Dr. Victor Boschini, Chancellor of Texas Christian University

Tuesday, October 21

7-7:45pm YCP Networking - Refreshments and Networking

7:45pm Speaker: Victor Boschini

YCP brings Young Adults together for speaker events and networking in order to foster Catholic identity, encourage community, and inspire a call to action! All young professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to this FREE event!

Win a \$100 gift card to Del Frisco's! For more information, find us on Facebook at "YCP Fort Worth"! For info: Lauren Mastly | VP of Operations - Fort Worth Chapter, 214.557.7692 | www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org

GROWING IN FAITH

GOOD NEWS!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

In a scene from the musical *The Music Man* the central character, Harold Hill, tells his band that if they want to play the Minuet in G, all they have to do is think the Minuet in G. He's a swindler, and when the mayor tries to prove it by having Harold conduct his band, he looks at them pleadingly and urges them to think.

To the surprise of everyone, including Harold, the band slowly (and even painfully) plays something that sounds a little like the Minuet in G and a little like many grade-school concerts, making parents proud and freeing Harold from jail. Paul has his own version of the "think system" in today's passage from Philippians. For Paul, every minute spent thinking about that which is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise is another minute that brings us closer to the living God whose presence is evident in all these things.

It's not such a bad idea. God manifests the divine self in truth and beauty and in all the things Paul names. To reflect on these is to become more aware of his presence to us through them.

Centuries later, the Christian founders of the university where I work adopted Paul's "think system" as their motto, reasoning that our thoughts should not be directed only toward facts to grow the mind, but also toward the things that would transform our characters.

Like Harold's band, we might sound a little or a lot out of tune at first, but with practice, we will get better.

Mary Katharine Deeley

sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Dear Padre!

Is addiction a sin?

I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?

Right, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime.

More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your

priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR

sundaybulletin@liguori.org

When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer. ~Saint Louis de Montfort

Enlist powerful help in the coming months

The new school year has begun. How can you make it the best school year yet? Try enlisting powerful help:

Choose a patron.

Place the school year under a patron saint's protection and ask for daily help. Perhaps you can look to St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saints of students. Both used knowledge to grow closer to God. Or, choose St. Aloysius Gonzaga and St. Maria Goretti, the patrons of Catholic youths, to guide children through the school year.

Pray through the day.

Remind, your child that even though you aren't together during the day, you think and pray for him/her often. Ask, "How would you like me to pray for you today?"

Gather around the table.

Studies show that sharing family meals at least 5 times a week is critical for creating family identity, security and self-confidence in children of all ages.

Sunday Mass.

Make attending weekly Mass a family top priority. The most powerful grace comes from encountering Jesus, himself, at Mass.

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Parent Talk

Separation on school mornings was traumatic for Austin. Tears and pleas were a daily occurrence in second grade. It helped if I walked him to class, giving a pep talk the whole time. So when third grade started, I walked him in as usual while the teacher watched sympathetically. After the first week, the teacher pulled me aside and explained that, despite my good intentions, I might be prolonging the separation problem. Austin might feel more comfortable if we eliminate the suspense of saying "Goodbye." She suggested that I drop him off at the front of the school like everyone else and she would arrange for two friendly classmates to meet him. I was skeptical but willing to trust her. We explained the plan to Austin and tried it the next day.

It worked great! Austin saw his classmates and happily bounced out of the car. That's one smart teacher.

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Rachel's Corner

Grieving your abortion losses is one of the most important tasks you will do in your lifetime. It starts as you stop denying your pain, and it continues until you reach a point of reconciliation. - A Season to Heal by Luci Freed & Penny Yvonne Salazar

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and begin the process of healing and hope.

Rachel Ministries • 817-923-4757

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion (Next Retreat October 10)

Rachel Ministries is offering two confidential weekend retreats for healing after abortion; one in **English on October 10-12, and one in Spanish on October 31-November 2**. The retreat will help if you are struggling with grief, guilt and pain after abortion and want to find healing and hope. Come and experience the mercy, forgiveness and healing love of God in the company of others who understand what you're going through. For more information in English, please call our confidential English helpline at 817-923-4757 or email forgiven@racheltx.org. For more information in Spanish, please call our confidential Spanish helpline at 817-886-4760 or email misericordia@racheltx.org. Confidentiality is strictly observed.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Catholic
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Counseling Services

New Office Schedule:

Working in partnership with Sacred Heart and Our Lady Queen of Peace, Catholic Charities Fort Worth provides counseling services at **Sacred Heart Monday through Friday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** 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 940.642.7021 or speak to your parish office for more details.

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

Immigration Consultation Services promotes quality immigration services for immigrants, refugees, and asylees. Bureau of Immigration Accredited (BIA) reps and attorneys offer legal assistance to those eligible to apply for immigration benefits, with a focus on family reunification. Naturalization and citizenship services are available, as well. To schedule an appointment, please contact our office at 940.228.1159. Cost of the consultation is \$30.00 and services are offered on-site at Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 1504 Tenth St. in Wichita Falls.

Community Connections Program

This program provides information and program referrals to families in person, over the phone and via email; engage clients in the greater community, helping to remove barriers by providing guidance and access to services. The program seeks to ensure individuals and families receive needed resources to achieve their optimal level of functioning. For assistance, please call 940.716.9669.



Life is Priceless

"You were bought at a price" ---1 Corinthians 6:20

Our Lady Queen of Peace is invited to participate in the 27th Annual Life Chain **Sunday, October 5th - From 3:00-4:00 pm** At the Corner of Callfield & Midwestern Parkway

Join Christians of all ages as we pray for our nation and an end to abortion. Poster-size signs are available for those participating. Let us stand in solidarity in what is good and pleasing to GOD.

Bulletin News: To assure requests for space within our bulletin meet the deadline, submit items by NOON on the Monday prior to the published weekend (or the Friday before if Monday is a holiday). Items MUST have proper approval for publication.

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.