

JANUARY 17, 2010—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

In last week's homily I offered an invitation and challenge for each one of us. I asked each one of us to claim our baptism and live as a Disciple with a mission. For many, I imagine this may seem foreign. What mission? Each one of us has been created for a purpose, and at our baptism and confirmation our Father gave us his Holy Spirit so we may have the grace to live that life for which we were called. I don't know what your mission may be, but I can say that it is not simply to come to Mass for an hour, fulfill your obligation, and forget about your faith for the rest of the week. At the same time, most of us won't be the next Sts. Therese or John of the Cross.

Seeking out one's mission in life requires prayerful listening. Listening in order to hear God's small still voice speak in our hearts and prayer that we may ask for the courage to do whatever we have been called to do. This discernment process then involves personally getting involved in things that strike an interest in us. In the course of time, we will be able to whittle down where our gifts reside. Don't let fear prevent you from trying out something new. You might be surprised that what you fear most is the place where you will find your mission and subsequent joy.

This Sunday, we have one of those opportunities to discern our mission. At 1:00 PM many will be gathering at the county courthouse for the annual March for Life. This event, whose cause is to end abortion through raising public awareness, is an excellent way to participate in one's faith, make a difference in our culture, and reveal the evil that is perpetrated upon our most vulnerable, our unborn children. As Catholics, being pro-life is not an option. However, the way in which we participate in changing our Culture of Death into a Culture of Life is varied. Among all the various pro-life issues abortion is the most lethal of them all.

Another way to be active as Disciples in mission is by acting on the U.S. Bishop's call to write our political leaders regarding the ongoing health care reform. The concern is again one of life. The bishops are guiding us to reject any legislation that would promote federally funded abortions while promoting affordable health care for all. I recently wrote to Sen. Jeff Merkley regarding this issue. He consequently sent me a form letter back disagreeing with me. So, I sent a response back which was recently published in our local paper. You can go to <http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/> and learn more about ways you can help. Check out the flyer insert in this week's bulletin as well. We will also put a link on our web site to help you easily send an e-mail to Congress.

Many of us are afraid to stand up for our faith. We are afraid of being called radicals or divisive. I agree that we can gather more bees with honey than with vinegar. But do not worry. Standing up for moral health care reform and the peaceful March for Life are loving ways to reveal the truth about our culture of death. These are ways to stir in your heart the Spirit who came upon you at baptism and called you to mission. Your participation in these events is also a way to do the same for others. Take a stand for the thousands of children who are killed every day through abortion. Help increase the opportunity for health care for all. Let God stir your heart. Consider the mission of the lives of the sick and innocent and act in solidarity with your fellow brothers and sisters for causes worthy of a few hours.

Blessings,

Fr. William Holtzinger
Pastor

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	01/17	8:00 am	Int Tommy & Doris Graham
	(RR)	9:00 am	
		9:30 am	Parishioners
		11:00 am	Peter & Maria Wilkins +
Monday	01/18	8:00 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday	01/19	8:00 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday	01/20	8:00 am	John Reed +
Thursday	01/21	8:30 am	Int Bruce Smith
Friday	01/22	8:00 am	Int John Haydon & family
Saturday	01/23	5:30 pm	Int John & Cleta Gallo
	(CJ)	5:30 pm	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 17 through January 24, 2010

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13 Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

**FROM THE OFFICE OF
FAITH FORMATION**

Today, I would like to talk about RCIA. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is a program for adults coming into our faith. They will receive Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. First they are called inquirers, then after the Rite of Acceptance they are called Catechumen or Candidate (already baptized). Now they enter a period of in depth study of the Catholic Faith.

Now, if you come to the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday you will see some of these candidates and Catechumens leaving the Mass right after the homily. Where do they go and who are they, you may have thought. Well, you know the who and now you know they go over to the Parish Center and reflect on the scripture in greater detail. The readings are studied as well as the homily with members of the RCIA team (the Catechists for the program).

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Reconciliation—January 27, at 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday—February 17th

Lenten Fair—February 21st, 9:00AM-1:00 PM
Watch for further information on these events.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Knouff
Director of Faith Formation

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
(For adults 18-40, married or single)**

DISCOVERING THE LIFE GOD
INTENDED FOR YOU

—What it means to live life as Catholics—
Non Catholics welcome, so bring your friends

Join young adults from around the Archdiocese for a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship at the 6th annual young adult retreat led by our own **Fr. Bill Holtzinger**, and a team of professional young adult ministers. This retreat will be Friday, January 29-31, 2010; from 7:00 PM Friday, to Sunday, 11:00 AM. This will be at the Christian Renewal Center in Silverton, OR. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes food, lodging and retreat materials. For registration and more information, contact Deborah Francisco at 503-357-8075 or email: dfrancisco@stanthonyforestgrove.org.

YOUTH NEWS

LOCK-IN / SKI TRIP - The time is now! Monday January 18th is a holiday (Martin Luther King) so we'll be going to a lock-in the night of the 17th. (There will be no youth group here at St. Anne's) We'll head down to Ashland Sunday evening for Mass, followed by "Life Night" and a Lock-In, with skiing or snowboarding to follow on Monday. We'll leave from St. Anne's parking lot at 3:30 PM, Sunday the 17th, and return around 5:00 PM, Monday the 18th. Make sure to bring a permission slip, and money for rentals and lift tickets. Go to www.stannechurch.com/HighSchool for permission slips, and www.mtashland.com for pricing on tickets and rentals.



CONFIRMATION - OUR NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS is this Wednesday, January 20th at 7pm. Our topic will be Personal Prayer, and the importance of letting God be a part of our lives.

OUR RETREAT— Last weekend from a student's perspective:

Last weekend our St. Anne Leadership Team (SALT) put on a retreat at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill. The retreat was for southern Oregon youth and included teens from Grants Pass, Cave Junction and Ashland. Our retreat was focused on the topic of "One Bread, One Body", and our guest speakers were Denell Woller (the youth minister from Ashland) and Fr. Bill.

Denell spoke about spiritual and physical bread and how "Man cannot live on bread alone." Fr. Bill spoke about your body being an instrument of God, and how we need to use it for him and take care of it and show love to others with it.

We did many other things, like Stations of the Cross, where the youth took turns carrying the cross from one station to another. We also had small groups which we went to after each talk to reflect on and talk about what we had just learned. We also had fun playing games and putting together skits. Overall, it was a fun and inspiring weekend, we just wish it had been longer.

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“PARISH NEWS”

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SERVING their first gourmet breakfast for the Year 2010 after all Masses this Sunday. Please come and enjoy the breakfast which supports worthy causes. The breakfast is open to the public, so invite a friend or neighbor.

ALSO, THERE IS A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING available after each Mass in the library this Sunday.

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH, IS THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN GRANTS PASS. We will gather in front of the Josephine County Courthouse (6th & B streets), at 1:30 PM to begin the March for Life to Riverside Park, where there will be a rally with speakers regarding a commitment for **LIFE**. There will also be an extra day of prayer on January 22 for the healing of our land and that we will see an end to abortions in our lifetime.

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE...
But the greatest of these is
LOVE

THE GRANTS PASS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER annual **Baby Bottle** campaign starts this weekend. Every year in Southern Oregon, there are approximately 1,000 little boys and girls aborted. 97% of those mothers will regret that decision. Many mothers have chosen **LIFE** for their babies simply because we were there to help. With your help we can continue to reduce the number of abortions in our community. Go to **www.forthebabies.com** for more info.



**FORGIVEN AND SET FREE
AND
HEELING A FATHER'S HEART**

Grants Pass Pregnancy Care Center once again will be offering their Bible Studies/Support groups starting in February. These sessions are for men and women of all ages who are struggling with their choice of abortion and desire healing. **All information is confidential.** We welcome any questions you may have regarding the studies. Call Eileen Palmer at 541-846-7445 or the Pregnancy Care Center at 541-479-6264.

ATTORNEY CHRIS MECCA will present a program on wills and trusts at 7:00PM, January 26, in the Parish Center. All parish members are invited to attend this informative and entertaining talk. The talk is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There will be refreshments served at the conclusion of the program.

HELP US CONNECT THE WORLD WITH GOD'S WORD!!!
Today we have a 2nd collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This Collection funds media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media. These projects evangelize, nourish the faithful, foster community and grant easy, direct access to thousands of Catholic resources. Help connect the world with God's Word! Support the Catholic Communication Campaign in today's second collection. Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL



Parishioners of Saint Anne, you have a beautiful, very quiet Adoration Chapel open 24/7. Come visit our Lord in prayer, quiet contemplation, or just learn more about your Catholic Faith from our excellent reading material in the chapel. Better yet, try Fr. Bill's suggestion to just LISTEN to what God has to say to us.

Many blessings await those who respond to the Lord's invitation to come spend one hour with Me!

If you are interested in any open hours or just visiting the chapel, please.....

Contact Rex Titus at 541-479-3561

TEAMS OF OUR LADY (TOOL)

“Come follow me.” Christ calls each of us as witnesses of His unending love. TOOL shows couples that way through prayer, study and community. TOOL promotes:

A spiritual direction for couples, concrete suggestions for a way of life, and team spirit.

A Team is a small Christian community within the framework of the larger Church. Five to seven married couples and a priest meet monthly to pray together, support each other and discuss a study topic. If you are interested in learning more about this international, married couples movement please call: Dave and Terri Currie at 541-476-0322 or David Barbian and Linda Hughes at 541-474-7574. Our goal is to start a third, married couples team at St. Anne.

“JOURNEY TO TRUE FINANCIAL FREEDOM”.....a seminar by Crown Financial Ministries is being offered at Sacred Heart Parish in Medford on January 30th, 2010, 8:30AM to 4:30PM. This seminar is ideal for all Catholics who want to live according to God's principles of finance. Thousands of Christian families have been blessed by learning and applying God's "how-to" for family finances. For registration forms contact Annette Lewis at 541-779-2868 or go online to sacredheartmedford.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 10, 2010: \$16,583

January 11, 2009: \$10,995

Please note: This week's collections included **annual donations** from some parishioners totaling \$4,660. Pro-rating those donations over the next 12 months, a more comparative offertory to consider for this past weekend would be approximately \$13,200. In any event, we are off to a very good start in our New Year; **many, many thanks to all who are giving your treasure!** We have had a good response to our first follow-up mailing asking registered parishioners to confirm their parish offertory commitment. We are receiving more commitments through checks sent automatically to us by one's bank or credit union, or because people have brought us a voided check and asked us to set up automatic deposits to our bank on a certain day each month. These are excellent ways to take care of your regular offertory, so you do not have to write a check weekly or monthly. Please call the office and we will help you get started with either of these methods. **Thanks again.**

"OTHER NEWS"

MONASTIC VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT.

Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-40, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for the weekend of January 29-31, 2010. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Rev. Odo Recker, O.S.B., director of Monastic vocations, at 503-845-3123, or by email: abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu.

28TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

January 29-31, 2010, at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill. **True Discipleship**, reflections on Matthew 16:24-26. In Mathew's Gospel (as well as Luke and Mark) Jesus clearly tells us what it takes to be his disciple. This weekend will break down the Three "Conditions of Discipleship" so that we can truly be the men that God is calling us to be. Guest speaker, David J. Renshaw, is the Executive Director of Real Catholic Ministries. Cost is \$110 per person, which includes meals, room and materials. Contact Don Zimmerer at 541-535-7404.

"ON THE PRIESTLY VOCATION"

If you are a single man of 18-50 years of age and have felt a calling to the priestly ministry, you are invited to a weekend retreat (Friday evening through Sunday morning, January 29-31, 2010) hosted by Archbishop John Vlazny: "On the Priestly Vocation." The retreat will take place at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton and is free of charge. Please contact Fr. Kelly Vandehy at 503-233-8368 to register or if you have further questions.

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND COUPLES RETREAT

You are invited to attend a romantic and fun weekend with your spouse on Valentine's Weekend, February 12th-14th. After the busy holidays perhaps a little time to refresh your relationship with some tender loving care. Weekend starts at 7:00PM Friday with a dessert potluck and get acquainted time. Saturday, explore yours and your partner's love language. Relax, walk, and spend time together. Saturday evening is a social time; Sunday there will be Mass and brunch. This is at St. Rita's, 10800 Blackwell Rd, Gold Hill, OR. Suggested cost is \$175 per couple. For more info or reservations call Richard Jensen, MS, at 541-944-8018.

WATCH SPECIAL MARCH FOR LIFE PROGRAMMING ON EWTN.....

EWTN is privileged to carry events surrounding the March for Life from Washington, DC, January 21-22. This year, the schedule includes the March itself, as well as the Masses prior to the March. In addition, EWTN will air the Walk for Life from San Francisco, CA on January 23. At both events, network coverage includes interviews, panel discussions, and speeches from pro-lifers from around the country. For more information, please check www.ewtn.com. The front of our bulletin has the local channels for EWTN.

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY

After Mass

After Mass

9:30 AM
3:30 PM
1:30 PM

MONDAY

7:00 PM

TUESDAY

6:30 AM
7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM
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THURSDAY

9:30 AM
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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

9:30 AM
6:00 PM

**January 17—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
K of C Breakfast—Skyroom**

Blood Pressure Checks — Library
Religious Ed Classes
High School Youth Group to Ashland—Lock-in
March for Life— front of Courthouse 6th&B Sts

**January 18—Dr Martin Luther King Day
Holiday—Offices closed**

Divorced/Widowed/Separated Support - PC

January 19—

Men's Study Group—Library
K of C Officers Meeting—Rooms 5/6

January 20—St Fabian,pope/St Sebastian

Women's Bible Study—Room 4
St. Vincent Council Meeting—Library
Legion of Mary—Room 2
Sacramental Prep Class—Rms 5/6
SAC Meeting—School Room 7
Biblia y Catecismo—Room 4
Mid-High Youth Ministry—Skyroom
High School Confirmation Class—KYC

January 21—St Agnes

Marian Prayer Group—Room 2
Moms of St. Anne—Skyroom
Knights in Action Meeting—Rms 5/6
Admin Council Meeting—Room 4
RCIA Classes—Room 1

January 22—St. Vincent

January 23—

January 24—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Ed Classes—Parish Center
High School Youth Group—KYC

SCHOOL NEWS



Monday, January 18th—No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Wednesday, January 20th—Rogue Valley Opera, 9:00AM in the Skyroom. SAC meeting 6:30PM, Rm 7

Thursday, January 21st—Mass 8:30AM—wear dress uniform.

Saturday, January 30th—PASTA spaghetti dinner at 6:30PM in the Skyroom.

Saturday, February 20th—Ladies Only Bunco Night at 6:30PM in the Skyroom.

—AUCTION NEWS—

13TH Annual Auction, Saturday, April 17th, 2010

Tickets go on sale in February—\$40 per person

Only a maximum of 120 tickets will be sold!!

If you have not received an invitation in the last few years and would like to receive one, contact the school at 541-479-1582 or email to sprestianni@archdpdx.org. The Benefit Raffle tickets are already on sale for \$10 each. The grand prize is \$1000 this year and odds of winning are very good, as we will only sell up to 800 tickets. The school is accepting donations for this Annual Auction and Dinner. They may be brought in to the school office or if you need someone to pick up items, contact the school office at 541-479-1582. Help us make this year's auction another huge success. Thank you.