

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 2, 2006



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Scripture REFLECTIONS



Mary Carol's Musings

Hopeful Thoughts from Mary Carol Wall

*Do not be afraid;
just have faith*

When a very small child decides to take that first step, she will begin with mom or dad holding her hands as she rises up on wobbly legs. She will reach up and wrap her tiny hand around a single finger of her parent's hand as they guide her for a few tiny steps. Even with her back to her parent the child knows that her safety lies at the very end of her fingertips.

A crowd is making its way through the center of town. They have heard that this rabbi they are following has the power to heal with only his touch, and is on his way to perform such a miracle. This is something they have to see, because "seeing is believing." Yet one in the crowd makes her way towards him. She doesn't need to see him perform a miracle; she knows in her heart that this is the Son of God. To reach out in faith, she will be saved.

At every Mass, we share the profession of faith, our creed. We are taught that Jesus affirms God as One, yet he also tells us that he is Lord as is the Holy Spirit within us. This profession that we believe in three persons of one essence is the foundation of our faith. (CCC 202) When we profess our faith, we are reaching out and seeking the hem of a garment for healing.

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**Life keeps providing curve balls...
too bad I'm not an athlete!**

Basically, life is still just as great as ever. We've had summery weather, and every so often there's enough rain to keep us out of drought another year. On two successive days last week I saw a Great Blue Heron (at least I think that's what each of them was)... they are amazing! Both were within approximately 50 feet of me... and I was astounded to see that they are about 1/2 the size of ostriches... they're huge! When I looked them up, I discovered that they grow 4-4 1/2 feet tall (about what each of these seemed to be). They were also rounder than I pictured most herons... similar in proportion to an ostrich, maybe a tad leaner in appearance. However, the internet page said they weigh only 5-8 lbs.! That's a bag to a bag and a half of flour or sugar! Jaimie said the bones are almost weightless. I guess the rest of the bulk is loosely-laid feathers. There can't be much meat there, that's for sure.

Maybe you naturalists out there have more (or better) information to add. It was such a high for me to see them, and to be able to observe them so nearby (the downside being I was in the car heading for appointments and couldn't stop! Hopefully the folks behind me forgave me for traveling at 20 mph for a short distance!).

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SPECIAL INSERT

The Church Renovation Committee's Report to the Parish

This Report was first presented at the June 14 Town Meeting. Please take time to read and pray over a trial proposal to move the choir into the Assembly as called for by Church documents.

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

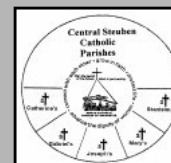
♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Tom Kashmer
By Ann and Brenda Seager

MONDAY July 3, Thomas, apostle
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY July 4, Weekday
5:00 p.m. For the safety of our troops

WEDNESDAY July 5, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Deceased members
of the Dierdorf Family
By Rita Dwyer

THURSDAY July 6, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, For Arthur Gaglio
By The Cilino Family

FRIDAY July 7, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Deacon Richard Lake
By The Wall Family

SATURDAY July 8, Weekday
3:30 Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Michael Fiordo
By Rosa and Freida Fiordo

SUNDAY July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Carmelena Minichello
By St. Mary's Choir

There are many weekday Mass Intentions available in the upcoming months (stipend \$10). Please call the office to



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

July 8 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood I
July 9 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Precious Blood II
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



St. Mary's is planning on celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. We will most likely celebrate in conjunction with St. Catherine's, St. Stanislaus', and St Joseph's parishes. If you are interested in celebrating Confirmation, please contact Mary Carol at 776-6944 (H) or 776-3327(W).

Confirmation is readiness - based, NOT age oriented!



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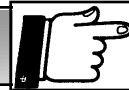
"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

June 24/25 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$1612.00 THANK YOU!

Peter's Pence Collection: \$275.60



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 2
No Coffee Hour during July and August
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion

MONDAY July 3

TUESDAY July 4 Office Closed

WEDNESDAY July 5
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, The Gallagher's House

THURSDAY July 6
1:00 p.m. Summer Crafts, O'Malley Hall

FRIDAY July 7

SATURDAY July 8
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY July 9
7.00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



Happy Birthday To You

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| 07/02 | Miriam Teifer | 07/05 | Mary Ellen Haff |
| 07/02 | Erin McConnell | 07/05 | Madilynn DuBois |
| 07/03 | Cassandra Thompson | 07/05 | Shirley Murray |
| 07/03 | Trudy Venuti | 07/05 | Colleen Fagan |
| 07/03 | Joseph Skelly | 07/06 | Carol Murray |
| 07/03 | Kimberly Gruze | 07/06 | Norbert Binkowski |
| 07/04 | Genevieve Kashmer | 07/07 | Noah Glass |
| 07/04 | Suzanne Colomaio | 07/08 | John Merry |
| 07/04 | Carol Rizzo | | |



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning for the intentions of Daniel P. Giordano requested by Charles and Carmen Rola.



The rectory garage is being kept open during the day for anyone wishing to drop off donations for the Youth Group rummage sale which is scheduled for September 1st and 2nd.



There will be a Stewardship meeting held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jim and Ginny Gallagher, 11 Park Place, Bath. All are invited. This month's meeting will be held on July 5th.



Second Collections

July 1/2 - Air Conditioning
July 8/9 - Church in Eastern Europe



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Mary's Parish Office will be closed on Friday's beginning on July 7th.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Today I saw another meadowlark, standing on the round bale of hay closest to our back yard. I am accustomed to seeing bright yellow on a goldfinch, tho' it is still breathtakingly beautiful, but until this year I had not seen it elsewhere, never-mind on a fairly large ground-nesting bird... breathtaking, again.

Well, the surgeon set my surgery date for July 18th... several weeks later than we hoped for, but we are still moving forward. I learned last weekend that, in order to ensure we continue to move forward, my oncologist, bless him, has scheduled another chemo treatment for tomorrow (Tuesday). I am pretty sure this IS the last one (until the new chemo which should start in September)... but that's what I said last time!

Once nice thing about it (I must say, it took a bit of thinking to turn this lemon into lemonade!) is that after the last treatment I took real delight in each thing that began to approach 'normal'... knowing I wasn't going back to the 'unnatural' anymore. Sigh. HOWEVER... that means I get to be delighted all over again as I approach normalcy THIS time! My gut feeling, though, is that while I might be able to pull it off again, I don't think it will work a third time. So, hopefully, this really is the last time, and after that we move into a new phase of finishing this whole thing off. Maybe I'll ask the doc to put it in writing!

Seriously, I know it is all for the best of causes. And I do believe that all good things are worth waiting for... oh, yeah... there's that Theology of Hurry Up and Wait, again!

Truth be told, I was a little bummed about the extra treatment. I think it was mostly that I am psyched and ready to move on to the next stage, and can't, yet. Also, while I have been blessed to have minimal problems with the chemo, I was looking forward to a more normal routine, and maybe even to being able to sneak in a week or so of gardening before surgery (I have to stay out of the soil until the chemo wears off... and gardening is tied with reading for being my 'drug of choice!'). One of the things that really lifted me up was the Sunday that our First Eucharist (Communion) class celebrated the sacrament. We had a half day retreat with them on Saturday for final preparation.

These children and their families have been wonderful folks with whom to engage for our month and a half of preparation. There has been such joy and excitement, and a good deal of laughter as they discussed and read and practiced and interacted in numerous ways. They have so often lifted my spirits, and Saturday and Sunday those kids were superb. They warmed my heart and lifted my mind to help me remember what is so important... living our lives with Christ's joy in the forefront at all times. And so I remembered... life is good... very, very good.

And so, I am refocusing on our blessings... the school community has been very loving by providing us meals three times a week... what a true blessing that is! Especially dur-

I hope that you will take time to read thoroughly the Report from the Church Renovation Committee that has been inserted into today's bulletin. I gave a power point presentation on the Report at the Town Meeting on June 14. Since many of you were not present, and any talk of Church Renovation is an automatic hot button, its important that we make the extra effort to communicate well.

Remember that one of our challenges is to reach consensus on a proposal before moving to the next step of making it a reality. Hopefully the "Trial Proposal" offered by the Committee will help us to reach consensus which is by definition more than a majority vote. Our first step is to answer any questions you may have concerning the reasons that we are even considering renovations to bring the choir from the choir loft and into the Assembly. Hopefully after you read the proposal, we can provide further opportunities to engage in meaningful and constructive conversation before setting a date to try out the proposal for a month or two.

Speaking of CHANGE, this is the first weekend of our Summer Sunday Mass schedule. Our Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. through the Labor Day weekend.

Enjoy a great July 4 holiday. I'll be rejoining Pat at Chautauqua to celebrate our 39th anniversary. Serve one another well.

ing my chemo weeks. Sara has just received a promotion that gives her a raise, full time work, and as of a couple of weeks, she will be in an apartment instead of a little box of a room! There is alot of joy to be found in having your own kitchen and not sharing a 'public' bathroom! Cait has been hired to help a friend clean houses, and will also be helping another friend with some of their publishing business. Jaimie is working at the Avoca Market which is owned by some very good people, and he and Liam will be done with school tomorrow (alleluia!). Liam is looking forward to a creative summer program at the school. Heather is safely home after a very enjoyable trip to Spain to visit a friend and attend a Geology conference, and we hope to see Patrick and her, as well as meet her parents for the first time at the end of the month. Jim is wrapping up another year, and will be busy this summer helping with some of the school's summer administration duties as well as running his FFA program and visiting students and helping them be part of the county and state fairs and other activities.

As for me, I am continuing my medical education, reading books, looking forward to family and friends visiting, and finding God's joy in alot of expected and unexpected places. Thank you, all, for your part in helping that to happen for me. Have a blessed week and weekend.

God bless, and much love,

Mary Carol