

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2008

I will make you a light to all nations,
that my salvation may reach to thee ends of the earth

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our collection for this past weekend was \$7,131.85.
(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

We are celebrating this Sunday, the 90th Anniversary of the Diocese of Lafayette. Let us pray that God will continue to bless our Bishop and all the people of our Catholic Community.

The St. Charles Parish Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 P.M.** Msgnr. Ron Broussard will be the Celebrant. We are proud of our **25** young adults being confirmed and ask the parish to continue praying for them.

RCIA: Adult Sacrament Preparation
Classes began last Thursday. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this group, please call to speak with Fr. Jim Lambert.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER
Any young man under the age of 18 who is interested in becoming a Junior Knight is asked to contact Joseph L. Landry at 662-3785 or Wallace Belson at 662-3584.

KPC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21st at 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award
The parish community of St. Charles Borromeo rejoices with and congratulates Mrs. Ruby Gardiner and Deacon Herd Guilbeau who received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist last Friday evening. They are recognized for their ministry and service to our community.

GUIDED PRAYER

During Lent and Easter time we will offer a program of Guided Prayer for persons who would like to deepen their prayer life during these liturgical seasons.

The program will begin on **Monday, February 11th.** Participants will commit to daily prayer and will meet on Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM for sharing and guidance.

The last meeting will be on Monday, March 31st. If you are interested in participating, please give us your name and phone number so that we can begin to plan. We will contact all who register in order to give you details of where we will meet and a plan for the seven weeks of guided prayer.

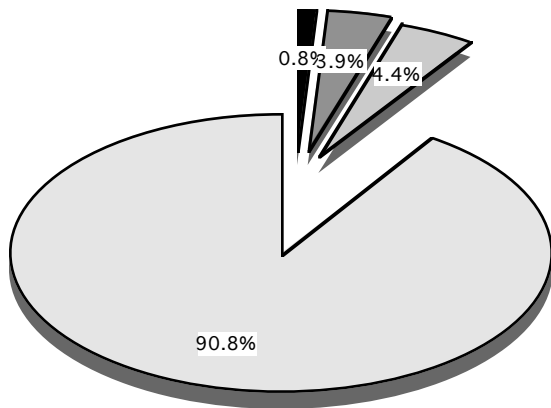
Fr. Jim Lambert, S.J.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday is Monday, January 21st. Church Offices, Religious Education and Thensted Center will be closed.

<u>MONDAY</u> 21	<u>TUESDAY</u> 22	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 23	<u>THURSDAY</u> 24	<u>FRIDAY</u> 25	<u>SATURDAY</u> 26	<u>SUNDAY</u> 27
Vigil Mass Choir Practice 4:00 PM Knights of KPC Meeting at 7 PM	Chimes Choir Practice at 6:00 PM Confirmation at 7:00 P.M.	Pro-Life Rosary at 9:30 am at the home of Oscar & Neva Marks	10:30 Mass Choir Practice at 5:45		3:15 Confessions 4:00 Vigil Mass	7:30 St. Charles 9:00 Christ the King Bellevue 10:30 St. Charles

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Grand Coteau, LA

Summary Financial Report for
Operations of the Half-Year: July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

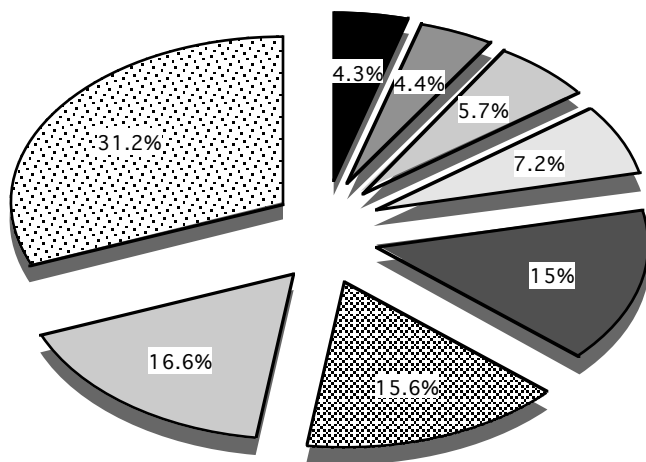


RECEIPTS

1. Sunday Offertory 90.8%
2. Sacramental Offerings 4.43%
3. Donations to Church 3.91%
5. Fund raising Income 0.85%

Receipts for Church: Total \$208,599
{Collected for diocese:
(BSA, and 2nd collections)} \$10,249

Total Receipts: \$218,848



DISBURSEMENTS

1. Lay employee - pay & benefits 31.2%
2. Stewardship (to Diocese) 16.6%
3. Clergy - salary & benefits 15.6%
4. Insurance (property & liability) 15.0%
5. Stewardship (to Thensted Cntr) 7.2%
6. Maintenance work & supplies 5.7%
7. Office & Liturgical supplies 4.4%
8. Utilities (elec., gas, water, phone) 4.3%

Total Disbursements \$223,930

Receipts less Disbursements - \$5,082

The Parish Finance Committee calls your attention to the following observations.

You will note that for this half-year we operated in the red with a deficit of \$5,082.00. However, we have paid the property and liability insurance for the entire fiscal year. This year the bill was \$33,607. (Last year's insurance bill was \$23,459). Not having to make any insurance payment during the second half of the year should help us to stay within budget.

The overall Stewardship of our Church community is exemplary. Please note that our stewardship to the diocese (including the regular Diocesan Tax, the Second Collections, and the Bishop Support Fund offering) together with our support of parish outreach ministry (the Thensted Center) represent 24.33% of our total receipts.

Religious education is an important effort of our parish community. During this first half of the fiscal year we expended a total of \$20,573 to support Religious education.

The Christmas Offertory (\$12,201) was a help to our operations. Thank you for your generosity.

We support much helpful ministry through our parish community. Because of your good stewardship may we be able to continue, and to increase, our services in the months and years ahead.

Questions? Please contact Fr. Jim Lambert, SJ or Mr. Ulysses Johnson (Finance Committee chair).