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The Most Holy Trinity

May 18, 2008

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our collection for this past weekend was \$7,701.20.
(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

Altar Flowers

May 24-25

**Mavis Stelly & Diana Sibille
In Memory of Harold "Boogie" Stelly
Herman Boss & Sis Boss**

Registration for grades 1-6 religious education classes will be held August 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. These classes will meet the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 am-12:00 pm during the '08-'09 school year. The fee for this registration is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in a family. Participation in this program (or a comparable one) is required for children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. This registration will be the only one for both Christ the King and St. Charles Borromeo campuses.

Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion also will be held on August 6, 2008, immediately after the religious education registration. Candidates for these sacraments must be currently enrolled in our religious education program or a comparable program, must be at least in second grade, and must show readiness for these sacraments. Parents are to pay a book fee of \$12.50 for each sacrament, to complete a registration form, and to provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate in order to be enrolled for the sacramental preparation. Originals of baptismal certificates will not be accepted.

The Staff of Thensted Center **thanks** all who helped us with our Fair. Special thanks to the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver who prepared the delicious dinners. We appreciate your support!

During the month of *May*, the **St. Charles Church Altar Society** invites all to come to the **5:00 P.M.** Mass on Thursdays. After the Mass, Altar Society Members will proceed to the Grotto to pray the Rosary. If you cannot stand while at the Grotto, please bring a lawn chair.

Altar Server Training

Parents, If you would like your son or daughter to served at the altar, there will be a second training offered on Wednesday, May 21st, at 7:00 PM. We ask that a parent and the son/daughter both attend the class.

The requirement is that the altar server must have made First Communion. There is no upper age-limit on altar servers, and we welcome men and women of all ages to participate in this ministry. Older candidates can attend the class without their parent.

Activities of the Week May 19-May 25

M	19	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice KPC Meeting at 7:00 PM
T	20	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	21	
TH	22	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
F	23	

Minister Schedule-May 24-25

Vigil -Lector	Mildred Rubit & Shirleen Louviere
Communion	Caro Louviere, Margie McClendon Kalina Cormier, Dyanne LeBlanc, Pat Sonnier
Altar Server	Sydney Willingham
7:30 -Lector	Patrick Miller & Stephanie Richard
Communion	Leo Paul & Lolita Henry, Gary & Cheri Dubroc, Melba Courtney
Alter Server	Carlie Pierre
10:30 -Lector	Bub & Peggy Harper
Communion	Hugh Soileau, Celeste Vidrine, Norman & Flo Carroll, Marie Eaglin
Altar Server	Lauren Bourque, Rose Cutting, Morgan Boone

Church Cleaners for May 24-25

Barbara Broussard	Jeanette Williams
Vickie Meche	Irene Lavergne
Barbara & Stephanie Senegal	
Wilda Richard	Genevieve Ray

Hurricane season will begin June 1, 2008. An **Ecumenical Prayer Service** is scheduled at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.**

The **Youth Ministry/Religious Education Programs** are in need of a gently-used laptop with DVD playing capability to show religious/education videos during the summer. If you are upgrading to a new laptop, please consider making this tax-deductible donation. Contact the Religious Education office at 662-5271 for more information

Thensted Summer Program "Keeping Children Safe & Active"

The program will be held **June 2nd-27th** and **July 7th-25th** (8:00-3:00, Monday-Friday) **REGISTRATION IS MAY 26-MAY 30** at the Center. Family's Fee: 1 Child \$30; 2 Children \$40; 3 children \$45. The Seven week program includes meals.

Activities Offered: Music, Sports, Field Trips, Math Activities, Story Telling, Computer Skills, Nutrition, Life Skills, Arts & Crafts, Swimming & more.

THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

Growing in Faith

Have you looked at our parish's webpage lately? There is a new "Hot Link" titled *Growing in Faith*. This will lead you to some documents that you will find helpful for your personal prayer and for living our Catholic Christian faith.

Go to www.st-charles-borromeo.org and take a look at these. Please let me know what you think about the materials you find there.

Thanks, *Fr. Jim Lambert, S.J.*

On **Thursday, May 22nd**, we will start the **Novena in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Novena Prayers will be said at the daily Masses. The Feast of the Sacred Heart will be on Friday, May 30th.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart will renew their vows at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

What does the Church say about Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?

Conclusion:

In light of our Catholic faith we all need to emphasize our call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the defense of life, the needs of the weak, and the pursuit of the common good. This kind of political participation reflects the social teaching of our Church and the best traditions of our nation.

Uniform Bank for Students of Grand Coteau and Sunset Elementary Schools

St. Charles Borromeo Church and the Thensted Center are sponsoring a school uniform clothing drive and asking for assistance. The goal is to have uniforms available, for exchange or for a small fee, so that every student can begin the school year with the proper uniform.

Requests for donations of the following *new and/or used but good* uniforms for Sunset Elementary and Grand Coteau Elementary students are being made:

- **Shirts: *gold, navy, or white***
- **Pants and shorts: *khaki or navy***
- **Belts (*black or brown*)**
- **Socks that cover the ankle (*solid white, black, or brown*)**
- **Outerwear: (*plain, solid color*) *black, white, khaki, heather gray or dark navy (must zip, button, or snap from top to bottom).***

Items may be brought to either Sunset Elementary School or the Thensted Center in Grand Coteau before noon during the summer. Volunteers will assist in preparing uniforms for distribution in July.

Any cash donations, for purchasing some of these items, will be accepted and appreciated.

A parent may exchange a useable uniform that a child has outgrown for one that is the right size. Uniform items may be purchased for a small fee from the Thensted Center. Items will also be available in each school to help for emergency student needs.

Please donate new or used uniform items, or donate cash to this worthy cause.

If you have any questions please call the Thensted Center at 662-5838. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make the check payable to the Thensted Center and indicate "Uniform Drive" in the memo section of the check.