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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2009

You changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$7,181.03.

(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr. George Victorian
By: Jean Victorian**

Altar Flowers for July 4-5

By: Mrs. Leona Boxie & Mrs. Juanita Miller

Last Sunday, a special second collection was taken for the **Thensted Center** to offset their losses due to the recent theft. A total of **\$947.50** was received. Thank You for your generosity and continued support!

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In vigil of the First Friday there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, July 2nd**, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Holy Family Chapel of St. Charles Church. The devotion will conclude with Benediction.

This month Hannah Dakin will be **collecting used children's books**, appropriate for ages 4-12, to be donated to the Thensted Center. There is a labeled box in the back of church for you to place any books you would like to donate. All donations are greatly appreciated, If there are any questions, please call Hannah at 662-6138.

Hospice Ministry

St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of a peaceful death. **St. Joseph Hospice of Acadiana** is available to support families as they face end-of-life decisions. Peace, comfort, dignity and support make everyday "a good day." We are seeking volunteers. Please contact Michele Burbank, Director of Volunteer Services about volunteer opportunities. Please call 233-1131 or 225-572-5505 or visit our website www.StJosephHospice.com for more information.

Picnic for Altar Servers

There will be a picnic for all altar servers on Monday, June 29th. Servers will meet at the church at 3:45 PM. Please contact Mrs. McClendon (662-2384) or the church office (662-5279) for more information and if you have any questions.

Peter's Pence Collection

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous!

JUST THE BEGINNING

The American Revolution was a beginning, not a consummation. Pray for our country on July 4th.

Activities of the Week

June 29-July 4

M 29	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 30	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W 1	
TH 2	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM Exposition & Benediction
FR 3	
SA 4	<i>Independence Day</i>

Minister Schedule-July 4-5

Vigil -Lector Darryl & Kalina Cormier
Communion Ada Barry, Janice Fox, Lou Santillo,
Jim & Barbara Burleigh
Altar Server Nicholas Smith, Meghan & Emma Bush

7:30-Lector Mary Murray & Cheri Dubroc
Communion Stephanie Richard, Darrell Burleigh
Tommie Miller, Gary Dubroc, Melba
Courtney
Altar Server Taneshia Cormier, Carlie Pierre,
James Charles

10:30-Lector Keith & Ginger Myers
Communion Margie McClendon, Natasha Williams
Frank & Avis Domingue, Angela Boone
Altar Server Hunter Myers, Conner Andries,
Armand Olivier

Church Cleaners for July 4-5

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

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2009...

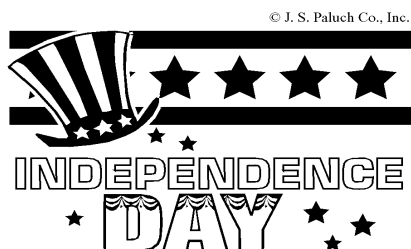
Individually directed retreats: July 6-15; July 20-29, Aug. 3-12; Aug 24-Sept. 2; Sept 8-17.

Freedom of Spirit and the 12: Presenter: Sandra Spencer. Areas of resentment, anger, grief, and forgiveness in light of the 12 Steps will be addressed.

Prayer and Worship in the New Testament- Thursday, Aug. 20-Sunday, Aug. 23. Presenter: Fr. Jerome Neyrey, S.J. Through fresh insights into the sociology of communication, the aim of this program for each individual participant is enriched personal experience of prayer.

An Ignatian Guided Retreat—Thurs., Sept. 3-Sun., Sept. 6. Presenter: Fr. Paul Patin, S.J. Daily talks will be given on themes from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius as a guide for personal prayer and to allow retreatants to gain further insights into the Exercises.

For an application form, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 662-5252.



O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through tsunamis and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

The St. Francis Pledge

All across our country, Catholics are taking the St. Francis Pledge to care for Creation and the Poor. You, as an individual, or as a family, are invited to join in this prayerful effort and join the Catholic Climate covenant by taking the pledge written below. See: <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org> and also <http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org>.

We pledge to

PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable;
LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change;
ASSESS how we as individuals, and in our families, parishes, and other affiliations contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.;

ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

You are also invited to join with your fellow parishioners who are committed to learning more about what we as members of St. Charles parish can do to follow the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI who, like Pope John Paul II before him, calls us to "care for creation and to demonstrate respect for God, the Creator..." Please contact Rene'e Taylor for further information-by email at reneehtaylor@yahoo.com or phone at 662-1022.

RADIO MARIA



580AM--1360AM

Streaming live on the internet @ www.radiomaria.us

**Broadcasting Live From
St. Charles**

Borromeo Church

Sunday July 5th @ 10:30AM Mass

Join us in this evangelistic project to bring our Mass to all Catholics who are fallen away, homebound or in nursing homes.

How can you help:

- 1. Attend this Mass*
- 2. Let your voice be heard in responses and in song;*
- 3. Tell everyone you know who has friends and family that cannot attend Mass about these dates, times, and to tune in to 580 AM Radio Maria or www.radiomaria.us live internet stream*
- 4. Ask if nursing homes have a radio in the activity Room*

PLEASE HELP-

A LITTLE EFFORT CAN MEAN SO MUCH