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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2009

My grace is sufficient for you,
For power is made perfect in weakness

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$7,419.50.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)
Collected for the Peter's Pence Collection was \$747.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mrs. Angelle Sinnette
By: Family

Altar Flowers for July 11-12 by Jim Burleigh
In Memory of Frederick & Fannie Burleigh

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.

Registration for grades 1-6 Religion Classes and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held August 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. A completed registration form and a book fee of \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child are needed in order for a child to be placed in a class.

All parishioners wishing to enroll a child in the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will need to complete registration forms, pay a \$25 book fee, and provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. All three items must be processed in order for a child to be considered enrolled in these sacraments.

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.

Thanks! The Staff at the Thensted Center is so grateful for your generous response to the 2nd collection on Sunday, June 21st. Your financial support is a huge help in providing for the continuance of our summer program. May God bless each one.

Help us Connect the World with God's Word! Next week's Collection is for the catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the collection from our (arch) diocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic Media initiatives. Please give generously to next week's collection to help us spread the Good News. To find out more about the work of CCC, please visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org.

Activities of the Week

July 6-11

M 6 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 7 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W 8
TH 9 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR 10
SA 11

Minister Schedule-July 11-12

Vigil -Lector Mildred Rubit & Linda LeBlanc
Communion Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Lou Santillo,
Juanita Comeaux, Jim Burleigh
Altar Server Nicholas Smith & Maddie Jenkins

7:30-Lector Melba Courtney & Gwen Miller
Communion Ruby Gardiner, Ewell & Cierra Meche
Perry & Brenda Kennerson
Altar Server Nicholas Smith, Morgan & Emily Boone

10:30-Lector Kurt Richard & Denise Moore
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Marie Eaglin
Celeste Vidrine, Doris Etienne, Julia Key
Altar Server Nicholas Smith & Jacob Pitre

Church Cleaners for July 11-12

Kandy Boss Velma Boss Agnes Lewis
Gloria DeValcourt Anna Lee Boss
Larry & Jean Janise

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information about or to register for the Retrouvaille of Acadiana August program, which begins with a weekend on August 28-30, 2009, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com

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.

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.**

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[hard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We, too, sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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.