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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2009

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$5,241.71.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mrs. Leona Mayfield
By: Family

Altar Flowers for August 1-2
In Memory of Gervis & Angelle Thibodeaux
By: Loretta Brinkhaus

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.

Music Workshop for Choir Leaders & Members: The Diocese of Lafayette is giving a free workshop "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship" this Saturday, August 1st, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Opelousas. We ask all choir members to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information, please contact Jackie Griffin at 654-8682.

Unity Mass Planning Committee will meet **Thursday, July 30th at 7:00 PM** in the St. Philippine Duchesne Room.

Prepare for Hurricanes

The state of Louisiana has a useful information web site. Please look at <http://www.getagameplan.org> for help in making preparations.

VOTE—Let Your Voice be Heard

This Saturday, August 1st, is voting day to elect our representative from District 40 to the Louisiana Legislature. Please vote. You can make a difference!

Camp Brave Heart will hold its annual camp in Lafayette and is open to any child ages 7-11 who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp will be held **July 30-31, 9am-3pm.**

The relation to the deceased, the amount of time that has passed, nor the cause of death matters for a child to be eligible to attend the camp.

Our goal is to give campers the tools they can use to help them better express their emotions. At Camp Brave Hearts, feelings are not only heard but seen through art projects and activities such as rock rituals, letter writing, balloon release, and the creation of memory boxes.

The cost of the camp is \$15, which includes lunch, snack, and art supplies. Spaces are limited so please sign up early by contacting Hospice of Acadiana at 237-1332, ext. 3765.

Activities of the Week July 27-Aug. 1

M 27	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 28	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W 29	
TH 30	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM Unity Mass Planning Meeting
FR 31	

Minister Schedule-Aug. 1-2

Vigil -Lector	Deborah Alpough & Jim Burleigh
Communion	Warren Norton, Dyanne LeBlanc, Jo Burleigh, Ada Barry, Jackie Savoie
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith, Morgan & Emily Boone
7:30-Lector	Renee & Mark Taylor
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Darrell Burleigh Melba Courtney, Theresa Cormier, Joseph Ewell Meche
Altar Server	Carlie Pierre, James Charles, Taneshia Cormier
10:30-Lector	Janice Kilchrist, Natasha Williams, Janice Fox, Polly Etienne, Doris Etienne
Altar Server	Cody, Caitlyn & Caleb Williams

Church Cleaners for August 1-2

Bernadelle Thibodeaux Juanita Comeaux
Leola Guilbeau Betsy Douglas Valerie Pyle
Wilbert & Margaret Thomas

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. To register for the Retrouvaille 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.

Marriage—Growth and Help

There is a great website that offers resources for couples and families. Please look at <http://www.ForYourMarriage.org> and explore what is there. I'm sure that you will find something good. Fr. Jim, SJ

Gratitude

The parish staff extends a special **"Thank You"** to all merchants who use our bulletin. We appreciate the confidence you have in this medium. Through this participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletins free of charge.

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, where Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life." Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord's body and blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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

Individually directed retreats: 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.**

Natural Family Planning: The Diocese of Lafayette has scheduled a new series of classes beginning on August 24, 2009. This class is open to engaged couples or married couples who want to learn about NFP. The total cost for this four-part class and materials is \$90. This class is being held at the Diocese of Lafayette, Immaculata Center at 6:30 P.M. on Mondays and one Tuesday. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life at 261-5653.

