



# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 31, 2008

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure  
Our offertory for this past weekend was \$6,151.75.  
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Dr. John Fruge**  
**By: Willie Fruge**

### Altar Flowers

September 6-7 Mrs. Susan Dugal and Mrs. Rose Couvillion

**Christ the King Bazaar** is being held **this weekend!** Barbecue Dinners; Chicken \$5.50; Pork & Fried Turkey \$6.50  
Lots of food including sweet dough pies and boudin. There will be live Zydeco music on Sunday afternoon, bingo and games for the children. We extend an invitation to everyone to come out and enjoy the fun & fellowship.

The **Evangelization Commission** of St. Charles Church Parish will be going out to make home visits on **Saturday, September 6th.**

**Exposition for First Friday** will be Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 PM, ending with Benediction at 8:00 PM. All are invited to come spend some quiet time with our Lord.

The **Grand Coteau Rx Screening Center** is now open on **Thursdays** from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are available to answer your questions regarding eligibility for free prescriptions and to complete the application process, if you are eligible. Please stop by or call the screening center on Thursday mornings at 662-5271. The volunteers are eager to assist you.

An **Initial Safe Environment Workshop** will be held **Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 PM** in St. Charles Chapel. Anyone wishing to volunteer in St. Charles Parish to work with children is required to participate in this **Initial Safe Environment Training.**

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, October 24-26

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions in order to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. Rachel's Vineyard can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level.

If you or someone you know is suffering from abortion's aftermath, please call 261-5607 to inquire about this retreat and for further information.

### Activities of the Week September 1-7

M	1	Labor Day Holiday
T	2	6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice
W	3	
TH	4	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR	5	

### **Minister Schedule-September 6-7**

<b>Vigil -Lector</b>	Deborah Alpough & Mildred Rubit
<b>Communion</b>	Pat Sonnier, Janice Fox, Jackie Savoie Dyanne LeBlanc, Warren Norten
<b>Altar Server</b>	Nicholas Smith
<b>7:30-Lector</b>	Julia Quebedeaux & Mary Murray
<b>Communion</b>	Theresa Cormeir, Mildred Boast, Perry & Brenda Kennerson, Ruby Gardiner
<b>Altar Server</b>	Taneisha Cormier
<b>10:30-Lector</b>	Mary Claire Trant & Danielle Belson
<b>Communion</b>	Frank & Avis Domingue, Tim Trant, Barbara Broussard, Lorraine Marks
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Brenton Smith, Armand Olivier Lauren Bourque

### **Church Cleaners for September 6-7**

Denise Baloney                      Shanda Giudry  
Diane Meche                      Tommie Miller  
Natasha & Caitlin Williams

Anyone who may wish to volunteer in helping to Clean the Church is asked to please call Mary Ann or Darrell at 662-5279.

### **Growing in Faith**

Please look at our parish web-site ([www.st-charles-borromeo-org](http://www.st-charles-borromeo-org)) for the September issue of the GROWING IN FAITH series. There is also a link to the "For Your Marriage" resource that you might find very helpful.

The **Catholic University of America** is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. This diocesan collection date is Sunday, September 7th. Envelopes may be placed in to the regular offertory collection. Please be generous.



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### **FOLLOWING CHRIST**

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one--you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter--who has just been made the foundation of the church--out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

**Care at the end of Life:** How do I know when it's okay to withdraw medical treatment for a loved one? Is there a difference between killing and letting die? Why is "pulling the plug" not the same thing as euthanasia? These questions and others, including those surrounding assisted nutrition and hydration as well as advanced directives, will be addressed in this workshop. The presentation will look at issues at the end of life in light of the fundamental Catholic teaching on the dignity and sanctity of life. Workshop to be held **Tuesday, September 9th** 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Ann Church in Mallet, La. Presenter is Rev. Keith LaBove.

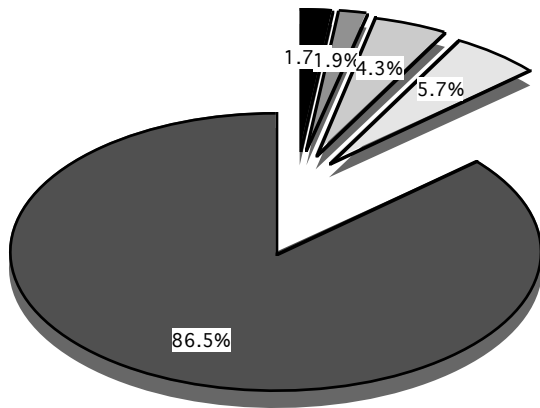
The **Youth Ministry/Religious Education Programs** are in need of a gently-used laptop with DVD playing capability to show religious/education videos during the summer. If you are upgrading to a new laptop, please consider making this tax-deductible donation. Contact the Religious Education office at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

### **LABOR**

*A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.*

# St. Charles Borromeo Church, Grand Coteau, LA

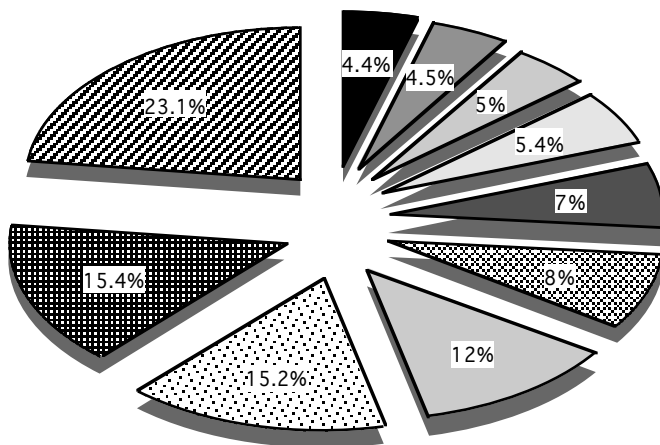
Summary Financial Report for  
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008



## RECEIPTS

1. Sunday Offertory	86.49%
2. BSA & 2nd collections	5.66%
3. Sacramental Offerings	4.30%
4. Donations to Church	1.86%
5. Fund raising Income	1.69%

**Total Receipts: \$ 435,944**



## DISBURSEMENTS

1. Lay employee - pay & benefits	23.13%
2. Stewardship (tax to Diocese)	15.38%
3. Clergy - salary & benefits	15.22%
4. Savings	12.01%
5. Maintenance work & supplies	7.99%
6. Stewardship (to Thensted Cntr)	7.00%
7. Stewardship (BSA & 2nd coll.)	5.40%
8. Insurance (property & liability)	4.96%
9. Office & Liturgical supplies	4.54%
10. Utilities (elec., gas, water, phone)	4.37%

**Total Disbursements \$ 457,956**

**Receipts less Disbursements <\$ 22,012>**

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

Our stewardship for the year was 27.78% of our total disbursements. This includes our support to the diocese (the regular Diocesan Tax, the Second Collections, and the Bishop Support Fund offering) together with the support to our parish outreach ministry (the Thensted Center). As a community we give good example of sharing God's gifts to us in order to meet other needs. We should be happy to tell others about the ministries we support.

Religious education is an important effort of our parish community. We wish to support all ministries that pass on our faith to our young sons and daughters. During the 2007-08 fiscal year we expended a total of \$39,056 to support our Religious education programs. An unmeasured but MOST valuable component of our religious education ministry is the volunteer teaching staff. We are grateful to these members of our community who teach our young people. More volunteer teachers and aids are needed. Please consider taking part in this ministry.

We all face some challenges in the coming year. Our medical insurance bill has increased by 9.3%. Our property and liability insurance has increased by 19%. And who can guess what increases we will face in utility and other energy-intensive services. We are grateful to God for the generous stewardship that supports our parish family, and we trust in the Lord's presence with us for whatever may come in the future.

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