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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2009

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure. Our offertory collection for last Sunday will be published next week. (For 2008-2009 our average weekly expenses were \$6,612.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Simon & Lillian Broussard
By: Barbara Broussard

Altar Flowers for September 19-20
In Memory of Jamie & Thelma Guilbeau
By: Darryl & Kalina Cormier

A Unity Mass is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25th at 10:15 A.M.** This Mass will be held in front of the Church, under the oak & pine trees. Accommodations for the elderly and handicapped will be provided. Please bring your lawn chairs. Refreshments will be served following Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the October 24-25 weekend, we will celebrate ONLY this ONE MASS.

St. Charles Cemetery is in the process of building a **Columbarium** for Cremated Ashes. This unit will be placed on the north side of the Mausoleum next to the Retreat House. If you are interested in seeing a pictured sketch, and or purchasing a niche for ashes, please phone Darrell at the church office.

Schools of the Sacred Heart will hold its first **Youth Conference** on **Saturday, October 3, 2009** on the Academy school campus in Grand Coteau from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This co-ed retreat is open to all students in grades 7th to 12th in the Acadiana area. The day will include live Christian music, group discussions and many fun and exciting activities, as well as a motivational guest speaker.

Deadline to pre-register is September 28th. Students must provide their own lunch and drinks. Bottled water and concessions will be available for purchase. Please see www.sshcoteau.org for further information and registration application.

Respect Life Sunday is October 4th.

Please observe the table at the entrance of the church. Much information is available. Please continue to pray for the rights of the unborn and for women to make the right choice-**LIFE!**

A Prayer for Life

*O God,
You adorn creation with splendor and beauty,
And You fashion human lives in Your image
and likeness.
Awaken in every heart reverence for the work
of Your hands, and renew among us, Your
people, a readiness to protect, nurture, and sustain
your precious gift of life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your
Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.*

Registration for Confirmation 2010

is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 PM** in St. Charles Chapel. Requirements are:

1. Candidates must be at least 16 yrs. of age and have completed 4 years of Jr. High & High School Religion Instructions (7,8,9,10 grades).
2. Candidates should be practicing their religion by regular participation in the Eucharist.
3. A completed registration form, a fee of \$40 and a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate must be presented at this Mandatory parent/guardian and candidate.

Minister Schedule-Sept. 19-20

Vigil -Lector	Linda LeBlanc & Deborah Alpough
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbau, Margie McClendon Mildred Boast, Ada Barry, Janice Fox
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith & Jacob Pitre
7:30 -Lector	Renee & Marc Taylor
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Sr. Betty Renard Tommie Miller, Ewell & Cierra Meche
Altar Server	Taneshia Cormier, Carlie Pierre James Charles
10:30 -Lector	Barbara Broussard & Naomi Marks
Communion	Norman & Flo Carroll, Natasha Williams, Andy & Kim Dakin
Altar Server	Andrew Smith, Travis Santiago, J.P. Fontenot

Church Cleaners for September 19-20

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

The **20th Annual St. Ignatius School Rainbeau Festival** will be held **Sunday, October 18th** on the SIS school grounds in Grand Coteau. The activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the 1st annual "Chasing the Rainbeau" 5K Run/Walk through the winding streets of beautiful Grand Coteau. The entry fee for the 5K is \$20 if received before Oct. 2, (includes a t-shirt) or \$25 if received after Oct. 2 (no t-shirt) The family fun begins at 10:00 a.m. with Bingo, game booths, silent auction, plant booth, sweet shoppe, concessions and music entertainment by a DJ. All are invited to attend. A raffle drawing will be held for a chance to win \$1,500. tickets are \$1 and can be purchased from any SIS student or from the school the day of the festival. Please contact the school office at 662-3325 for additional information. Please come out and support your local Catholic school.

Activities of the Week Sept. 14-Sept. 20

M	14	4:30 PM	Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T	15	6:00 PM	7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	16		
TH	17	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR	18		
SA	19		

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

St. John Berchmans Catholic Church in Cankton will begin their **11th Annual Rosary Congress** after the 8:00 AM Mass on Monday, October 5th, with silent meditation and rosary starting at 9 A.M. every hour for 24 hours a day until Friday October 9th at 7:30 A.M. followed by Mass at 8:00 A.M. Daily Mass at 8:00 A.M.

Please consider joining us in prayer as we pray for God's peace and mercy upon the world, communities, churches, families and our hearts.

For more information, contact Barbara Richard at 668-4221 or Debra Menard at 407-1741.

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.

St. Ignatius School is accepting recyclable paper items, i.e.; paper, magazines, catalogues, cardboard, etc. Items can be placed in the bin behind the school cafeteria. If there any questions, please contact the school at 662-3325.