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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

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

Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$5,804.62.

Our offertory collection for Sunday, Sept. 6th was \$7,720.45.

(For 2008-2009 our average weekly expenses were \$6,612.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Jasper & Estelle Stewart, Edna & Murphy
By: Hazel James & Family

Altar Flowers for September 26-27

Bennie Rae Boxie & Patricia Lemelle

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.

Thensted Center is in need of your help! Over the summer months, several families have come for assistance. The food pantry is now depleted. Can you help by donating? The following items are needed:

Frozen Meat, Sugar, Cereal, Rice, Coffee

Non-perishable items

Toiletries - Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, etc.

Any donation you can give will be deeply appreciated. *Thank You!*

On Sunday, October 18th, our Sunday Masses, 7:30 & 10:30 a.m. will be held at the Chapel. St. Ignatius School will hold its Annual Rainbeau Festival on the school and church grounds.

Altar Servers are asked to please pick up a copy of the new schedule on the table at the entrance of church.

OUR BEST

*The more the world is at its worst,
the more we need the Church at its best.*

Respect Life Sunday is October 4th.

Please observe the table at the entrance of the church. Much information is available. Please continue to pray, especially 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.*

Senior Citizens will gather at Thensted Center on **Friday, September 25th** at 10:00 A.M.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the **recording of English and French Rosaries** being produced for several radio and television stations in Acadiana. The rosaries will be recorded at Immaculata Chapel at the Diocese of Lafayette, on the Breaux Bridge Hwy. in Lafayette.

The rosary in **English** is **Monday, September 21st** beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The rosary in **French** is **Tuesday, September 22nd** beginning at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call 261-5626.

Minister Schedule-Sept. 26-27

Vigil -Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Communion Jim Burleigh, Jackie Savoie, Lou Santillo
Ivy Lavergne, Mary Menard
Altar Server Nicholas Smith, Meghan & Emma Bush

7:30-Lector Pemella & Paul Williams
Communion Theresa Cormier, Darrell Burleigh,
Warren Norton, Gary Dubroc, Jo Landry
Altar Server Tanershia Cormier, Carlie Pierre
James Charles

10:30-Lector Denise moore & Kurt Richard
Communion Keith & Ginger Myers, Polly Etienne
Nancy Bourque, Angela Boone
Altar Server Hunter Myers, Conner Andries,
Armand Olivier

Church Cleaners for September 26-27

Denise Baloney Shanda Guidry Diane Meche
Natasha & Caitlin Williams
Perry & Brenda Kennerson Tommie Miller



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 our local Catholic school.

Activities of the Week Sept. 21-Sept. 27

M 21 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 22 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W 23
TH 24 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR 25

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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.

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.

Angel Food Ministries: Great food menus available. Senior Box, Regular Box, and Specials available. Contact Thensted Center at 662-5838 for more information and to place order or go online at angelfoodministries.com.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Grand Coteau, LA

Summary Financial Report for Operations of the Year: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

RECEIPTS

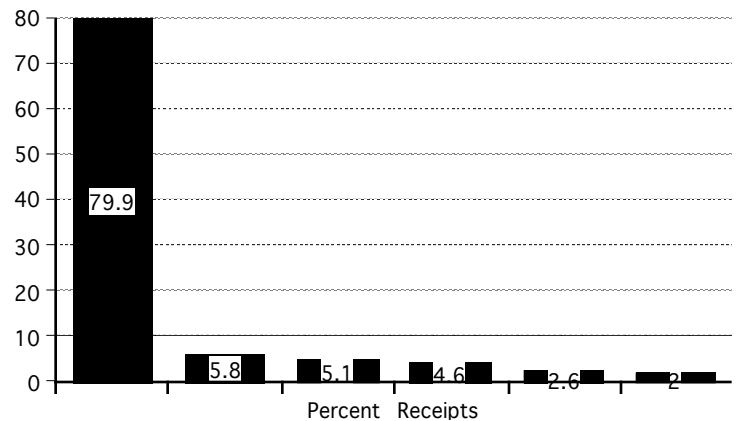
1. Sunday Offertory	79.96%
2. Cemetery reimbursement	5.80%
3. Sacramental Offerings	5.07%
4. Fund raising income	4.60%
5. Donations to the church	2.55%
6. Insurance claim	2.02%

Receipts for Church: Total \$462,457

Collected for diocese:

BSA, and 2nd collections \$23,267

Total Receipts: \$ 485,724

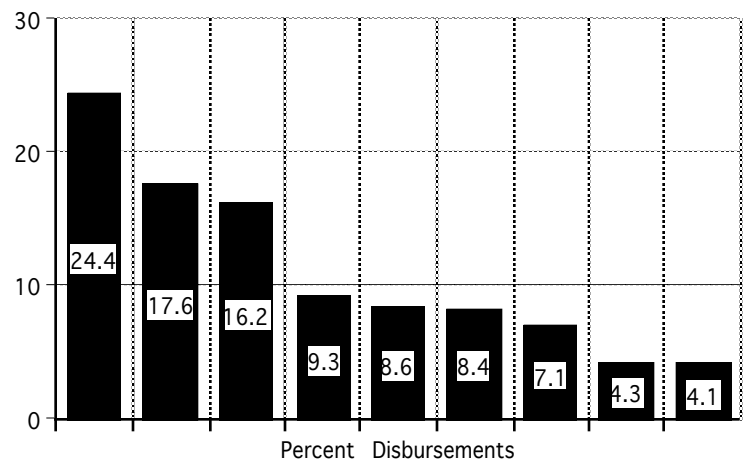


DISBURSEMENTS

1. Lay employee - pay & benefits	24.37%
4. Stewardship (to Diocese)	17.60%
3. Clergy - salary & benefits	16.22%
6. Maintenance work & supplies	9.29%
5. Sent to savings	8.59%
2. Insurance (property & liability)	8.36%
5. Stewardship (to Thensted Cntr)	7.13%
8. Office & Liturgical supplies	4.27%
7. Utilities (elec., gas, water, phone)	4.17%

Total Disbursements \$ 465,820

Receipts less Disbursements \$ 19,904



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

The expense of constructing the drive-through awning over the north entrance of the church was paid by generous contributions listed as "Fund raising income" in the RECEIPTS above. Thank you for your support of this improvement project. Now the handicap entrance of the church is much more "friendly".

Religious education remains an important effort of our parish community. During the 2008-2009 fiscal year we expended a total of \$33,622 to support our Religious education programs.

Please note that our stewardship to the diocese (including the regular Diocesan Tax and the Special Collections) plus our support of parish outreach ministry (the Thensted Center) represent 24.73% of our total disbursements. Stewardship of our Church community is exemplary. We are sharing the Lord's blessings to us with the needy and with the special ministry projects of the diocese.

Thank you for your continued support of our church's operations and ministries. May we always be good stewards of what God so generously gives to us.

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