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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2008

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory for this past weekend was \$7,984.68.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

Altar Flowers

November 22-23 Mrs. Karleen Barry & Mrs. Ivy Lavergne

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Sibille

Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Courville

By: Jimmy & Mona Sibille Family

Advent Prayer Group

Would you like to deepen your prayer during Advent and focus on a spiritual preparation for the Christmas celebration? Join our **Advent Prayer Group**.

The **Prayer Group** will meet each of the four Monday nights of Advent from 7:00 until 8:00 in the Holy Family side-chapel of St. Charles Church. Our daily prayer will be guided by "The Word Among Us" booklet gives the scripture readings for each day of the Advent Season together with a short meditation for the day.

Participants are asked to commit to daily prayer. The Monday meetings will be for reflection, guidance, and sharing.

If you would like to participate, please call the church office to give us your name and phone number. We must place an order for the booklets around November 20th so that they will be here for our first Monday meeting on December 1st.

The **African American Catholic Youth Congress** will be held *next Saturday, November 22, 2007* at St. Thomas Moore Catholic High School in Lafayette. ALL youth ages 13 and up are invited to attend. Please contact Paula Jordan at (337) 351-4532 for more information.

A mandatory **First Reconciliation Meeting** for all parents is scheduled for **Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 P.M.** in St. Charles Chapel. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and a book fee of \$25.00.

On Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. only.

The **Social Justice Commission** will be collecting non-perishable food items at Sunday Masses on **Nov. 23rd** and at **Thanksgiving Day Mass**.

Also on Sunday, November 23rd and on Thanksgiving Day, there will be a basket of note paper that everyone is encouraged to write down what we are **thankful for**. **A basket will be available to collect our Thanks!**

Altar Society Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, **November 16th at 3:00 PM** in the Philippine Duchesne Room.

Activities of the Week November 17-23

M 17	5:00 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	KPC Meeting
T 18	6:00 PM	7:30 Choir Practice
W 19		
TH 20	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR 21		

Minister Schedule-November 22-23

Vigil -Lector	Dyanne & Al LeBlanc
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Juanita Comeaux Mary Menard, Jackie Savoie, Pat Sonnier
Altar Server	Megan Miller
7:30 -Lector	Patrick Miller & Gwen Miller
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Ruby Gardiner Darrell Burleigh, Joe Landry, Cierra Meche
Altar Server	Carlie Pierre
10:30 -Lector	John Olivier & Janice Fox
Communion	Celeste Vidrine, Barbara Broussard, Lorraine & Naomi Marks, Margie McClendon
Altar Servers	Hunter Myers, Morgan Boone, Lauren Bourque

Church Cleaners for November 22-23

Earline Taylor Lou Santillo Susan Dugal
Margie & Michael McClendon

“The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of helping people at risk. Every believer is called to serve those in need. Through parishes and diocese and through committees and organizations we house the homeless, feed the hungry, visit those in prison, welcome immigrants, and provide countless other services. While we can be proud of what the Church already does, let every believer commit today to greater personal involvement in meeting the demands of the Gospel and the needs of our sisters and brothers.”

With prayers for all of us as we strive to work for the common good of all in our communities, I am

Sincerely yours in our Lord,
Most Reverend Michael Jarrell
Bishop of Lafayette

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously on November 22-23 to CCHD to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

The Knights & Ladies of Meche Council #34 will have a Po Boy Sale on **Saturday, November 29th, in downtown Grand Coteau.** Please contact any member to place your order. Donation is \$5.00 each. Any questions, please contact Joe Landry at 945-4248 or Wallace Belson at 662-3584.

Jubilee Year of St. Paul

Since Pope Benedict has named this year as the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, the North Region, of the Diocese of Lafayette is offering a series of four talks on the Life and Teachings of St. Paul on the Tuesdays of November from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Msgr. Paul Metrejean will give these presentations in the Lady of Mercy Catechetical Hall in Opelousas. Topics covered will be:

Nov. 18 The Two Adams: Law and Grace, Flesh and Spirit, Death & Life

Nov. 25 The Day of the Lord — Paul's Teaching on the Second Coming and the Resurrection of the Body.

Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends!

All parents and students who are considering Teurlings Catholic High School for the 2009-2010 school year are invited to join us for **“TCH Open House” - Thursday, November 20th (6-8 p.m.)** in the school gym. Tours will begin every 15 minutes. The last tour will begin at 7:30. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Hanes in the Admissions Office at 234-5711 Ext. 1, or mhanes@tchs.net