

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

One of the common religious articles often identifying the home of Catholics is the crucifix. This may still be a common practice today in many Catholic homes. The crucifix placed in my home was unique. Curious as to the design and construction of this religious artifact that my parents placed in our home, I once removed the image from the wall only to find that a secret compartment was carved behind the cross holding the image of the suffering Christ. The compartment contained two small candles and an empty glass bottle. My mother explained to me that this cross hanging in our home served a dual purpose. It not only reminded us of the great sacrifice Jesus made for all the world on Good Friday, but also served as a "sick call" set if anyone of us at home became ill. She was not referring to a common cold or sore throat, but a serious illness that required, as she said, a phone call to the parish priest to come and pray with the one who was sick. The sick call set provided a religious sign at the side of the sick person's bed of the suffering Christ and the redemption that came about by this passion and death on the cross. The candles were lit and holy water was placed in the glass bottle to be sprinkled on the sick person after the priest offered his ritual prayer and anointing.

I later learned that the type of illness requiring the use of the sick call set was really a matter of life and death. As my faith formation continued, I came to learn more about the Church's sacraments, those "outward signs, instituted by Christ to give grace." The circumstance of serious illness and the Church's prayer for it and upon it had a memorable name -- Extreme unction. Because this sacrament was reserved for those who were so extremely ill to the point of death, its more common reference, "last rites" seemed to say it all. Even though I begged my mom one time to get the sick call set out when I had the chicken pox, we never had a need to use it.

Recalling this memory helps to provide a starting point these next few Sundays in September to offer some reflective thoughts on the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. As was announced in my weekly column last weekend, we will be celebrating the Rite of Anointing the Sick at Rosary Cathedral during all weekend Masses on September 30 and October 1, 2006.

If there is a sacrament among the seven celebrated by Catholics that identifies with the mystery of our faith most aptly and clearly it is the Anointing of the Sick. When we identify our own human suffering, ill health,

suffering Christ, we come to realize that these moments are transitional in pointing us to eternity. When we share our own ailments in union with Jesus, we find a strength and grace to surrender ourselves to the promise given to every believer that first Easter morn – life with Christ forever. Next week I'll talk a little more about how this sacrament came to be practiced in the church and offer some reflection on the disposition required for those who wish to seek its saving grace.

Prayerfully yours,
Father Singler

Liturgies for the Week

September 11 - 17, 2006

Monday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Frances Ruma
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Jack Maher
Wednesday	8:35 a.m.	✠ Daniel Kowalski
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Friday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Kadlick-Velliquette Wedding
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	✠ Rita Schira
		Frank & Bernadine Parker 50 th Wedding Anniv.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kwiatkowski
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	✠ William Singler
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Baptism – Pinkstaff Family



Please Pray For

The following have asked for our prayers:
Marsha Andrzejewski, Frank Annarino, Timothy Bohland, John Burns, Roy Hudson, Judith Lerner, Grace Nasser, Eileen Rafferty, Mabel Rice, David Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez, and Frank Sniadecki.

READINGS FOR TODAY

Jesus has saved us and has given us new life. Confident in his love for us, we ask for God's mercy and forgiveness for our sins.

In the First Reading, Isaiah 35:4-7a

A prophet gives encouragement to a fearful people. God is coming to give them new life.

In the Second Reading, James 2:1-5

James tells us that we are to show no partiality to the wealthy. The poor are often rich in faith, hope and love.

In the Gospel, Mark 7:31-37

Jesus shows that he has the power to open our ears and unbind our tongues so that we might hear and proclaim the good news.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Next week's Readings

September 17, 2006 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9a
Second Reading James 2:14-18
Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Offertory Report for September 2 & 3, 2006

103 Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$	3,068.15
Loose	\$	470.00
Total	\$	3,538.15
Mailed Offertory	\$	190.00
Total Offertory	\$	3,728.15
Average 10 weeks	\$	3,675.37
Weekly Needed	\$	6,388.40
Total Year to Date Needed	\$	63,884.04
Total Year to Date Received	\$	33,078.30
Shortfall Year to Date	\$	30,805.74
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	205.00
Assumption	\$	10.00
Parish School Expenses	\$	12.00

RCIA SESSIONS BEGIN THIS THURSDAY

Extended catechetical sessions for adult persons wishing to consider the possibility of joining the Catholic Church at the Easter vigil in 2007 will begin this Thursday, September 14, 2006 in the Cathedral Parish Activities Center at 7:00 PM. Adult persons who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized in another Christian Church, including the Catholic Church but never received their first Holy Communion or confirmation, are invited to these adult sessions. Please call the Parish Office to register for the RCIA sessions (419-244-9575).



The **Annual Donation Sunday Collection** for St. Vincent de Paul will be the weekend of **September 23rd and 24th**. This collection is used primarily for conferences

throughout the diocese that need help in serving the poor and for projects that are larger than what a single conference can undertake.

Our **Divorced & Separated Support Group** at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns meets on **Tuesday evenings from 7 PM – 9 PM** in the Conference Room beginning **September 12th**. Please refer to the schedule for session dates.

Learning to cope with stresses of being alone, single parenting, and mixed emotions can be overwhelming in this critical transition of your life. As we come together, we can learn more about divorce and separation by sharing with each other as we walk this journey together. We provide an environment of confidentiality and offer a safe place in this critical transition of your life. For more information call Rita Hoff at 419-724-4675.

Caregiver Educational Series

Topics and Dates:

September 18, 2006 Male Caregiver Issues

October 23, 2006 Resources/Housing Options

All sessions are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Eleanor Kahle Senior Center, 1315 Hillcrest Ave., Toledo (corner of Willys Parkway and Hillcrest).

Limited registration – call 419-476-2745 to register.

Presented by Eleanor Kahle Senior Center; Sponsored by Area Office on Aging Caregiver Support Program.

Lunch & Learn. Wednesday, September 20, 2006, St. Michael Parish Hall, 2600 Chase St., off Sandusky St.

Speaker: Sue LaPointe of the Infection Control

Department at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center on “Bird Flu”. Talk at 11:30 a.m., potluck to follow. For more information please call the Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo at 419-243-3953.



Bishop Leonard P. Blair invites couples across the Diocese who have celebrated or are celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th year or more wedding anniversary in 2006 to a special Mass and reception in their honor. This event will take place on Sunday, October 29, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. Each celebrating couple will have reserved seats. They will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Leonard P. Blair recognizing their commitment to each other in their marriage. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Bernard E. Smith Auditorium. If this is your special anniversary year, please come and celebrate your marriage. **The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 20,** so please respond today! To make your reservation, call Chris Toral, Parish Secretary at 419-244-9575.

Important Change for United Way Designations

For those of you who are thinking of making a contribution to Catholic Charities through your local United Way campaign, you may now have to **write in Catholic Charities** to ensure that your contribution will be directed to Catholic Charities. Please check with your local United Way agency for the proper way to designate your contribution.

Giving to Catholic Charities Through the United Way

Your donations to Catholic Charities make hope possible for hundreds of people every day. For anyone planning to make a contribution to Catholic Charities through their local United Way, you may now have to **write in Catholic Charities** on your contribution form. Please check with your local United Way agency for the proper way to designate your contribution.

Heartbeat of Toledo is dedicated to helping pregnant women choose alternatives to abortion as well as a healthier life style. Training classes for volunteers begin **Thursday, September 21, from 1-3 PM.** Classes continue Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and Oct. 12. If you have four hours, three days a month, to donate to a very rewarding pro-life activity, please call Mary Keil, 419-841-0971, or the Heartbeat Office, 419-241-9131, for further information. Our Heart to Heart parenting classes also have openings for instructors and office help. If interested, call Jerri at 419-865-0692.



Thomas Murray, organist
Friday, October 6, 2006
7:30 P.M.

Peristyle Auditorium - Toledo Museum of Art
The Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Thomas Murray in a solo organ recital in the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, on the 1926 E. M. Skinner Organ recently restored by Nicholas Thompson-Allen and Joe Dzeda of A. Thompson-Allen Company. Tickets are \$10.00 general admission. To order call 1-800-348-1253 or contact Paul Monachino at the Parish Office. The program will include Edward Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suit*, Elgar's *Severn Suite*, and works by *Cook, Mozart, Dupré* and *Mulet*.



**You're invited to join an adult trip
to
Washington, D.C.
October 8-14, 2006**

sponsored by Christ the King Church. The trip will feature civic and religious stops. For more information, please contact Brian Smith at 419-475-4348, ext. 105, or at bsmith@cktoledo.or for email. Only a few spots remain, so call soon!

RAFFLE

Can that old clunker take another Ohio winter? Win a 2006 Dodge Charger Daytona, or if you choose, take the cash prize of \$25,000!! All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament ESP Fund. Tickets are available online at www.bsstoledo.com, at the Parish House, or at the DeVeaux Fifth/Third Bank for \$100. Get some friends together and split the cost, you can can-pool in your new Charger! The winning ticket will be drawn at the October Fest on **October 14, 2006.**



Monday, September 11, 2006

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Wkly. Staff Meeting (Act. Rm. II)
- 7:00p.m.-9:00 p.m. Diocesan Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

- 8:35 a.m. Mass – Grs. 3-5 (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. SCM Taping (Chapel)
- 1:00 p.m. SCM Taping (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)
- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. S.A.C. Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Café)

Thursday, September 14, 2006

- 10:00 a.m. Tour: St. Gerard, Lima Confirmation Class (Cath)

Friday, September 15, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. Rehearsal – Fr. Singler (Cath)

Saturday, September 16, 2006

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding – Fr. Singler (Cath)

Sunday, September 17, 2006

- 12:15 p.m. Baptism – Deacon Keran (Cath)
- 1:00 p.m. Wedding Music Session (Cath)

PARKING LOT EXPANSION UPDATE



The parking lots have been paved, striped, and are now in use. The foundations are being dug for the masonry walls and the walls themselves will begin taking shape on Monday, September 11. Final concrete work, such as curbs and entrance approaches should be complete this week. Major construction will begin on the lot between church and school: new entrance drive, new gates, new lighting, new landscaping and new parking configurations. **PATIENCE, PATIENCE – AND MORE PATIENCE IS REQUIRED.**

- Tom Peters,
Parish Operations & Finance Manager

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAY & TIME	SAT Sept. 16 4:30 PM	SUN Sept. 17 9:00 AM	SUN Sept. 17 11:00 AM	SAT Sept. 23 4:30 PM	SUN Sept. 24 9:00 AM	SUN Sept. 24 11:00 AM
DEACON	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Diocesan Deacons	Deacon Pistilli	Deacon Pistilli
LECTORS	1. P. Felton 2. J. Felton	1. J. McKittrick 2. B. Ankenbrandt	1. R. Knowles 2. C. Keran	1. J. Dillon 2. J. Paden	1. B. Gackstetter 2. E. Glowacki	1. R. Angelo 2. T. Desmond
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. J. Zimmer 4. M. Canales	3. J. Neuser 4. B. J. Stevens	1. I. Angelo 2. R. Angelo 3. D. Tomczak 4. M. J. Flores 5. L. Nordhaus 6. S. Schneider	3. B. Beerbower 4. T. Wevers	3. T. Marciniak 4. J. Marciniak	1. M. L. Snyder 2. D. Pribor 3. E. Salazar 4. M. Warrick 5. M. Tran 6. S. Avina
MC's	M. Leasor	D. Hoffman	D. Hoffman	D. Demski	D. Hoffman	D. Hoffman
ALTAR SERVERS	M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman	P. Dysard T. Dysard	K. Ramos J. Ramos T. Ramos	A. Dillon <i>Need</i>	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez
USHERS	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi