

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. MARY'S IS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH WHOSE
PURPOSE IS TO WITNESS CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

COFFEE & DONUTS after the 10:00 Mass downstairs in the Hall. Thank you Religious Education for serving coffee & donuts this month. Thanks to The ALTAR SOCIETY for cleaning the Altar area.

From The Pastor: {In Conversation with God}

We are stewards of God's gifts.

"During these final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church calls us to consider the eternal truths. These truths are of immediate relevance to our souls. As we read in the *Second Reading* of today's Mass, our encounter with the Lord will arrive without warning, *like a thief in the night*. No matter how prepared we think we are for its arrival, death always takes us by surprise.

"In today's Gospel the Lord teaches us that we must spend our earthly life in such a way as to win Heaven. Jesus compares our time on earth to a long-term leasing arrangement. *For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.* The owner knew the capacity of each of his servants. He did not want to burden every one of them with the same responsibility. That would have been unjust. He therefore gave according to each one's capability to receive. Despite the different amounts allotted to them, each servant had been entrusted with a considerable sum. After some time had passed, the master returned from his travels and came to settle accounts with his men. The servant with five talents produced five talents more. In like manner, the servant with two talents had doubled his share. These servants had made good use of their time to yield additional earnings. Consequently, each one thoroughly deserved these wonderful words of praise and blessing from their lord: *Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.*

"The meaning of the parable is crystal clear. The talents are the qualities God has bestowed on us—our intelligence, our ability to love, our power to make others happy, temporal goods...The journey of the master signifies the duration of our life. His accounts is our judgment. The banquet is Heaven. The Lord frequently reminds us in the Gospels that we do not own what we have. We are stewards entrusted with God's property. A day will come when we shall have to give an account of our behaviour. Let us examine our whole approach to the gifts we have received from God. Do we think of ourselves as stewards, or do we live under the illusion that we are the true owners of what we possess.

"We might want to reflect on our attitude towards our body and senses. Do we really use them so as to give glory to God: Do we contribute to the common good with our belongings, our professional work, our friendships? The Lord wants to see that his gifts have been well administered. His reward is in direct proportion to what he has already granted us. *Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required; and to him to whom men commit much they will demand the more...."*

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS:

Silence Prior to the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Before the celebration of the Eucharist, it is recommended that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in the adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner. Great care should be exerted in this matter to help assure that those who desire silence may be accommodated.

PROLIFE: The right to life is like the foundation of a house. Other rights, such as the right to work, the right to health care, etc. are the walls of the house that protect the precious gift of life from attack. It is meaningless to say we are going to guarantee the rights that enhance human life yet say that human life itself has no inherent worth.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 5:00 am Friday or 9:00 am Tuesday. If you would like to spend an hour with Jesus, please call Karla at 276-3615.

VOCATIONS: Serra needs you!- in fact the entire Baker Diocese needs you!- to assist with encouraging vocations. To that end, each parish and mission church member is being asked to search your hearts. Volunteer to establish and become a member of a Vocations Committee in our community. This committee will work in conjunction with the Serra Club. They will provide material, ideas, and other assistance as needed.

Vocations do not come out of thin air. They come from us, our parishes, our families, our homes. Tell Fr. Clemens you want to be involved and Serra will contact you to tell you more about it.

OUTREACH: St. Mary's Outreach is looking for people to volunteer for shifts at the store. They also would like plastic grocery bags if you have some please leave them in the box downstairs or at the store.

WREATH SALES: Wreath this year will be on sale in the back of the church the next two Sunday's . Please stop by and order one of the beautiful wreaths for Christmas. They will be here the week after Thanksgiving. Call Nicole Petrie at 278-8080 for more information and ordering.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2008

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Nov 17 Elizabeth of Hungary

7:00 pm MASS †Roy Comrie/Georgia

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, Nov. 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of

St. Peter & St. Paul

7:00 am MASS †Pete Hunot/Sally & Larry

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 19

6:00 pm MASS †Victoria Salter/Sally & Larry

6:30 pm RE Classes for all Grades

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

THURSDAY, Nov. 20

7:00 am MASS †Evelyn Jaeger/Georgia Herbes

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, Nov. 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Paul Nelson/Mary Michaels

12:01 am-9:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, Nov. 22 Cecilia, virgin, martyr

8:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm Vigil †Merle Blanc/Sally & Larry

SUNDAY, Nov. 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christ the King

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS †Cletus Gress/Phyllis & Frank Ritz

11:30 am MASS (sp)For the Parish

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan was imprisoned in Vietnam for thirteen years, and then expelled from Vietnam. He continued to proclaim the gospel of peace and freedom, justice and human dignity until his death in 2002. Destined to become contemporary spiritual classics, Van Thuan's writings have inspired hope in millions. His best selling works include *Prayers of Hope- Word of Courage*, *Testimony of Hope* and *The Road of Hope*. *Prayers of Hope* is a little book of prayers written while he was in prison. Though he was alone and seemed to have nothing at all, he had the love of faithful friends who were praying for him. And he had the love of Christ in his heart. He wrote these prayers on scraps of paper the prison guards gave him. Check this book out in our library.

E-BOOK: Don't forget to check out Fr. Clemens book *Imagination Gone Wild*. You can find it on-line at www.stmaryspendleton.org

ADORATION: Thanksgiving week Adoration will close at 6:30 pm on Wednesday after Mass.

KC's WEBSITE: The new website is www.koc1673.org

St. Mary's on-line: The website is www.stmaryspendleton.org

Altar Servers for Nov. 22-23

Saturday 5 pm: Nolan & Grant
Kennedy & Robert Miller
10:am: Tyler & Logan Thorne &
Quinn Doherty
11:30am: Mitchell Montchalin

Eucharistic Min. for Nov. 22-23

Saturday 5 pm: Deanna
Brandhagen & Robertra Alexander
10:00 am: Curt LaVelle & Dennis
Duchek

We Would Like To Welcome You To Our Parish Family

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out your name and address below. We would love to add you to our Parish Family. Please visit us at the Parish Office or mail this form to us or place it in the collection basket.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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