

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 17, 2008

Mass Intentions



Monday	August 18
8:30 a.m.	No Services
Tuesday	August 19
8:30 a.m.	† Edith Trusler
Wednesday	August 20
8:30 a.m.	† Margaret C. Behrens
Thursday	August 21
8:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Friday	August 22
8:30 a.m.	† Rev. James A. Pecoraro
Saturday	August 23
3:00 p.m.	† Donald Campbell
Sunday	August 24
8:30 a.m.	† Phyllis Bahner
11:00 a.m.	† Patricia Coupe

Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace O Lord!

† SUNDAY'S READINGS †

The readings for next week, the 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time, are Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11:33-36, and Matthew 16:13-20. Reflect on these readings and then listen to them as they are proclaimed at Mass. How do they speak to you?

△ ST. MATTHEW'S GRADE SCHOOL REUNION △

Saturday, September 20, 2008 beginning with 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Greg Haskamp, a former graduate of SMA. A reception will follow in the Family Room immediately after Mass. Dinner, water, and soft drinks will be provided. B.Y.O.B. if you prefer alcoholic beverages. **R.S.V.P.'s are REQUIRED along with a \$12 per person fee. Please reply by August 20th. More information and reply forms are available in the Gathering Space.**

Please pass this along to all those you know who have children, friends or know someone who attended SMA school. It is not necessary that they graduated from the school or went there all 8 years. It is only important if they attended at all. This event needs your support and prayers.

☆ PARISH CENSUS UPDATE ☆

In order for us to be able to update the information we currently have for your family and each family member a new Parish Census form is required. Members of our Parish Pastoral Council will soon be calling those of you that did not respond to our recent letter requesting that you complete and return a new Parish Census form.

If you have not already done so, please complete the Parish Census we sent you in its entirety including all member information on each family member and return the form to us ASAP!

◇ HELP SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION ◇

Do you have children? Grandchildren? Or, have you already raised

your family? Then you know how important a good quality education is. Catholic education is an intricate part of our Catholic faith, so much so that eight of our Diocesan parishes help support Our Lady of Peace School with a percentage of their annual operating income. St. Matthew's is committed to a \$17,152 subsidy to Our Lady of Peace School for the 2008/09 school term. You can also help by using the envelope marked "OLOP" that comes in your monthly packet of envelopes. If you do not receive monthly envelopes and would like to help us with our subsidy obligation there are envelopes on the counter tops as you enter the Worship Space. Just be sure to mark OLOP on the outside of the envelope. Please give prayerful consideration to how you might best be able to help support Catholic education for the children at St. Matthew's. Whether you can make a monthly donation or just an occasional one we will appreciate what you can do. Thank you.

♪ SING TO THE LORD: MUSIC IN DIVINE WORSHIP ♪

An excerpt from the new U.S. Bishop's document on liturgical music:
Conclusion: As the Church in the United States continues its journey of liturgical renewal and spiritual growth, we hope that this document will be a further encouragement in our progress along that course. The words of St. Augustine remind us of our pilgrimage: "You should sing as wayfarers do—sing but continue your journey. Do not grow tired, but sing with joy!"

◆ SILVER THREADS CALENDAR OF EVENTS ◆

August 20 - New Dinner Theatre to see "All Shook Up". Car-pool will leave SMA at 11:00 a.m.

August 27 - Monthly Potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and plan on having an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship! We'll be playing "Penny Bingo" so don't forget to bring your pennies!

August 30 - Middle Creek Theatre in Louisburg to see "John Conlee" Car-pool will leave SMA at 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 27 - We're going to Unity Village to hear the Sweet Adeline's. Car-pool will leave SMA at 12:45 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for all of our away events can be found in the Gathering Space. Don't miss out! Sign-up today!

If you have never joined us or haven't in a while, please plan to come to our next Potluck. You don't know the fun you're missing out on! For information about our group or activities call Thelma Smith at 763-2202 or Melodee Brady at 626-3099.

OUR LADY PEACE SCHOOL NEWS

Classes begin on August 18. Orientation for parents/students/teachers is August 19. First full day of classes will be held on August 20.

Trash Bags are available for you to purchase at the School Office. All sizes are just \$10 per roll.

✿ THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE . . .

is resuming monthly meetings THIS Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet every third Thursday of the month. At our next meeting a parishioner of St. Matthew's who volunteers at the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Grandview will be coming to speak. We will also be discussing plans for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Call Jackie at 765-6208 for more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE SICK,
HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF
OUR PARISH FAMILY IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS.
MAY THEY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	August 18
9:00 a.m.	Rosary Group
Tuesday	August 19
10:00 a.m.	Jeannie's Quilters & Crafters
Wednesday	August 20
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday	August 21
7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Committee

† THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION †

In today's Gospel passage, the Canaanite woman is the ultimate "outsider." She is a triple threat, you might say: she is a non-Jew; she is a Canaanite enemy; she is a woman. Maybe she's a quadruple threat: she is also bold. Her daughter is suffering, troubled and beset by a demon. The woman recognizes that Jesus is Lord, Son of David, so she boldly calls upon him to cure her child. Jesus doesn't offer her any response. However, the woman does get a rise out of the disciples. They don't feel pity for her, only embarrassment because of her. Their response is to entreat Jesus to get rid of her. Jesus proceeds to do just that. He tells the woman that his mission is to the lost sheep of Israel alone. The woman, however, is persistent. Jesus becomes more blunt, even insulting. She brushes off the insult and says that she'll take what she can get. Jesus can't refuse such faith. He gives her everything. He heals her daughter.

Matthew used this event to explain how Jesus' mission of salvation is not a parochial one. Rather, the evangelist wants to make it abundantly clear that Jesus' mission is one that extends beyond the house of Israel to the ends of the earth and to all its people. Matthew wants us to understand that membership in the chosen people is neither enough nor essential. What is enough, what is essential, is active faith.

✂ ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ✂

Thanks to all of you that have so generously responded to our request for school supplies to help the CAC meet the needs of the children in the Hickman Mills School District.

We will be collecting supplies throughout the month of August. If you can't get out to shop consider making a financial donation to help in purchasing school uniforms for grades K thru 8. All donations are greatly appreciated by the CAC and the students of our school district.

❖ INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? ❖

Is God calling you into a deeper relationship with the Catholic Church? Are you or someone you love thinking about joining the Church? Do you have lots of questions about the Catholic Church - who we are, what we believe, why we live as we do? Then come join us on August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church for a chance to follow Jesus' request that we "come and see" what the Catholic life is about!

△ GARAGE SALE △

St Aloysius Church is closing and everything must go! Refrigerators - Freezers - Washer & Dryer - Dining Room Furniture - All types of Chairs - Small Appliances - Lamps - Chests of Drawers - Desks - Office Supplies - Noritake Dishes - Toys - Etc. The sale will be on Saturday, August 23rd, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church halls

at 2611 E. 11th St., Kansas City, MO. (11th & Prospect). Make plans to drop by. Who knows what bargains you might find?!

* STEWARDSHIP CORNER *

"Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed." Isaiah 56:1
A steward is keenly aware of the need for justice. It is the Lord's justice practiced by a steward that delivers the poor.

✕ PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND ROME ✕

Bishop Raymond Boland, retired bishop of our Diocese, invites you to join him for a pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, from September 25 thru October 4, 2009. The trip is over a year away but spaces are filling fast. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Guido Adelfo of Signature Pilgrimages at 301-656-1670.

‡ VOCATION CRUCIFIX ‡

Anthony & Kathy Bennett will have the Vocation Crucifix in their home this week. Please join them in praying for vocations.

* PROJECT RACHEL HEALING JOURNEY *

Are you, or is someone you know, carrying the secret sorrow of an abortion? Isn't it time to find the missing piece - rest, freedom, and peace? A special day of prayer and healing will be held on Saturday, September 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The location will be disclosed when you call to register. A six-week seminar will follow if participants are interested. Please call Veronica at 816-761-5483 (all calls are confidential). Visit Project Rachel online at www.ProjectRachelKC.com

♂ A PERFECT GIFT OF LOVE ♀

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - November 7 - 9

The weekend is designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. The weekend is free from everyday routines, distractions, and tensions. An atmosphere is created where the couple can concentrate exclusively on each other in a private, confidential environment. After each presentation, the couple has time in the privacy of their own room for personal sharing using the communication techniques learned on the weekend. There are no "group discussions". The weekend starts at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and runs until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. All faith expressions are welcome. Want to attend? Need more information? Contact Shaun & Stephanie Souders at 816-903-1988 or via email at ssouders1@kc.rr.com

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of August 9 & 10

Weekly Parish Contribution \$6,366.28

This Month's Figures

August Contributions To Date	\$17,533.83
August Budget To Date	\$ 9,778.14
Balance	\$ 7,755.69

GOD HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER

You say: "It's not worth it."

God says: "It will be worth it."

Bible Verse: Romans 8:28

✧ **MEXICO MISSION COLLECTION** ✧

Thank you for your generous response to this weekend's collection for the Mission in Anapra, Mexico. Your generosity helps us to provide a Vacation Bible School program and food for the children of Anapra. Please keep these children in your prayers. Thank you.