



**THIS WEEK   
IN OUR PARISH**

**Sun. 8/23**

**8:00 a.m. Mass** - all are welcome!  
**9:00 a.m. Mass** at Holy Cross, Ilasco, MO  
**10:00 a.m. Mass** - all are welcome!  
**Commissioning of Why Catholic? leaders** at 10 a.m. Mass  
**3-7 p.m. Informational Youth Meeting** for Youth in Grades 6-12 - Snacks & sign-up at the K of C pavilion - K of C grounds  
**5:00 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting** - St. Michael's Hall

**Tues. 8/25**

**Pre-K Classes begin** at Holy Family School - 2 sessions: 8-11 a.m. and 12:10-3:10 p.m.  
**8:15 a.m. Mass** in church - all are welcome!  
**7 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions** - Holy Cross Chapel Ilasco, MO - all are welcome!

**Wed. 8/26**

**7 a.m. Mass** in church - all are welcome!  
**7 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting** - Curl & Hark office

**Thurs. 8/27**

**5:30 p.m. Mass** in the chapel. All are welcome!

**Fri. 8/28**

**9 a.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Saturday - Eucharistic Adoration** in the chapel - all are welcome!  
**5:30 p.m. Mass** in the chapel - all are welcome!  
**6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal** in church

**Sat. 8/29**

**2 p.m. Wedding Ceremony of Kris Steinman & Laura Hickman** Holy Family Congratulates Laura & Kris on their Wedding Day! We ask God's special blessings upon them as they seek and serve Him with and through each other.  
**5:30 p.m. Mass** - all are welcome!

**Sun. 8/30**

**8 & 10 a.m. Masses** - all are welcome!  
**7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting** - youth room at the rectory  
**7 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting** - St. Michael's Hall

**Pray  for Vocations**

**Your Gifts To God  
 And Parish...**

Offertory Budget	52 wks.	\$ 1,041,248.00
Needed to Date	7 wks.	143,605.00
Received to Date		132,633.93
Over (Under) for Year		(10,971.07)
Needed Each Week		20,515.00
Received Aug. 15-16		15,658.82

The total for July is comprised of:

Regular Envelopes & Loose	9,911.96
Youth Envelopes	75.38
Memorials	590.00
Masses	25.00
Votive	38.00
School Support	3,686.48
Religious Ed.	50.00
Holy Days (Assumption)	1,282.00

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>2,722.40</b>

**LOAVES & FISHES Community Meal Program**

Holy Family will continue to participate in the *Loaves & Fishes* community meal program. The *Loaves & Fishes* meal is served from 5-6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 9th & Broadway. **Holy Family's night to prepare, cook, serve and clean-up after the meal is the fourth Tuesday of each month.**

**Volunteers are needed** for this important ministry of feeding the hungry of our Hannibal community. To volunteer, please call Ronnie Bolletta at 221-9287 or the parish office at 221-1078.

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH - CRHP**  
 Save the dates: **Men's Weekend - Sept. 12-13**  
**Women's Weekend - Oct. 10-11**  
 Jesus invites you to a Renewal right here at Holy Family. Parish renewal is about conversion, community and celebration. It begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and ends on Sunday afternoon. The men and women's teams are praying for you to respond. Help our parish grow stronger and more vibrant. Pray about it...and come!



## School News

- The first 1 p.m. dismissal for a teacher-in-service will be Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Pre-kindergarten will start Tuesday, August 25th. Two sessions will be offered – one will be 8 – 11 a.m. and the other 12:10 – 3:10 Tuesday – Thursday. Discovery Time begins August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Sports Physicals:**  
Please contact Melissa Millan at the school office or Mark Allen (221-1305 or 221-5952) if you need assistance obtaining a sports physical for your 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader to play in the CYO Program.

### WHY CATHOLIC?

One of the hallmarks of the early Christians was their zeal for Christ's message to receive the Holy Spirit and go, spread the good news throughout the world. They met in one another's homes because it was they who were the church, and they talked among themselves to make sense of what had happened.

In this spirit, the diocese of Jefferson City - among many throughout the United States is pleased to offer "**Why Catholic?**", a four part program based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Using the small group-study format, groups will meet for six weekly meetings during the Advent and Lenten seasons. The first sessions will cover *The Profession of Faith: What We Believe*. The next year will cover *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments*; followed next by *Life in Christ: Walking with God*. All sessions will be led by trained volunteers. Meetings will be scheduled to accommodate individual preferences for time and group dynamics as far as possible, but will be size-limited, with several groups meeting each week. Baby-sitting may be available.

A short video explaining "**Why Catholic?**" will be shown this weekend and parishioners will speak the weekend of September 5th and 6th. Sign-up Sundays for Holy Family parishioners will be September 13th and 20th at all Masses. The small group meetings will begin the week of October 4th and run for six weeks. The fee for the first book, *The Profession of Faith: What We Believe* is \$10. For those interested in further study, you may purchase the U.S. Catholic Bishops Catholic Catechism for \$20. There are three copies of the Catholic Catechism that may also be checked out from our church library. For further information, please call one of the team members or small group leaders listed here: Kim Ahrens, Gary & Barbara Broughton, Theresa Ehrhardt, Geri Graves, Sr. Virginia Grumich, Jim & Jane Hagan, Marilyn Kerkemeyer, Shirley Marchlewski, Lucille Orscheln, Gene & Bev Pierceall, Rosanne Roy, Janice Rupp, Julie Sheffer, Carol Ann Smizaski, Dan Whelan, DeAnne Wickens, Andy & Stephanie Thomeczek.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK - August 23-30

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Ps 34:2-3,16-23  
Eph 5:21-32  
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13b,17-18  
Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3,4-6  
Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12  
Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-4,12-14,17  
Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12  
Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9  
Mk 6:17-29  
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,  
21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"... *Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.*"

Jn. 6:60-69

**Adults** What part of Jesus' message do I find hard to live?

**Children** How do I feel when a classmate doesn't understand my religion?

**NOTICE...** If you know of someone who is lonesome, lonely, or homebound, who would enjoy having someone drop by for a visit and/or communion, please call Deacon Gene Pierceall at 221-5314.

If you would leave a name and phone number they will be contacted. Thanks!

**HOLY FAMILY PRAYER LISTS...**are available at the entrances to church this weekend. All prayer circle members are reminded to pick up a list.

Anyone may take a prayer list and pray for those on the list and their families.

As you look over the list, please let us know if there are any additions, changes or deletions we need to make.

If you would like to help with the organizing of the prayer list or become a member of the prayer circle, please contact us by phone or email: Pat Murphy, 221-9920 or email Shelly Lowe at [holyfamilyprays@sbcglobal.net](mailto:holyfamilyprays@sbcglobal.net).

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**Youth Group Informational Meeting - 3-7 p.m. for Youth in Grades 6-12 at the K of C Pavilion - K of C grounds - TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD.** Come out, sign-up, and enjoy some snacks.

### **Middle School Youth Group Information**

Middle School Youth - Grades 6-8 - Watch the bulletin for details and dates on these upcoming events:

**2009 Youth Day Celebration in September**

**Third Annual Rake-n-Run**

**Haunted House & Halloween fun**

**Youth Group Meetings**

**Christmas Party**



I am looking forward to a great year full of fun, faith and fellowship. **Sue Sculley** - babsverdel5@yahoo.com

### **ATTN: LADIES OF THE PARISH**

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) needs your help again in making the Country Store a success at this year's Soup Day on November 6, 2009. If you are doing any canning of jams, jellies or pickles, please think about sharing some with our Country Store. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Country Store, please call our chairpersons, Connie Stephens, 221-7499 or Theresa Ehrhardt, 221-4953.

**October School Homecoming & Parish Fund Raiser** The October School Homecoming and Parish Fund Raiser is rescheduled for October 1, 2 & 3 at the K of C Hall with an open bar and appetizers each night. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Make checks payable to Holy Family Church - \$20 per person per night. (\$50.00 for all three nights)

Thursday, Oct. 1st and Friday, Oct. 2nd your ticket includes a raffle ticket for numerous prizes.

Friday will feature a reception for Msgr. McCorkle, presenting him with a plaque and a card signed by all of us. There will also be a sneak preview of some of Saturday's auction items.

An auction will be held on Sat., Oct. 3rd. Your donation will include a \$20.00 toward your successful bid. When you donate an item you will receive the same \$20.00 credit and have free admission. Those donating will be thanked by name in the bulletin. To donate or become a host family please call David Scyoc at 517-896-2105.

Thanks to Gene & Pat McKenzie for donating glassware and also Carol Scyoc for her donation of two paintings for the auction.

**Stewardship...** In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

**AROUND THE AREA...** Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish **SEPTEMBER FEST PICNIC** will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the church grounds, 1119 South 7th St., Quincy, Illinois from 5 p.m. to Midnight. Music, food, snacks, drinks, games, raffles, silent auction, kids craft area. Enjoy music by the "Heidelberg" German band & Vertigo. Come one, come all to an evening of great food, live music, and fun.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING CONNECTION**... Uniting Sunday's Scriptures with Current Events and Life in Today's Changing World  
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In contemporary society we have lots of choices. It is simply our expectation that when we go to the grocery store, there will be an array of fruits and vegetables (no matter the season), plenty of different meats, various kinds of soups, and lots of different cereals, not to mention many varieties of frozen pizzas and flavors of ice cream. Walk down the aisles of any grocery store, and you'd be hard pressed to find a product line that doesn't present the consumer with a choice.

Many of us have likely been to a Kohl's department store. Whether one is shopping for shirts, dresses, shoes, or something else, again there are many choices. The same holds true for automobiles, for movies, for books, for banks where we deposit our savings, or for flowers in the garden. Choices abound!

In the current debate about the legislation to overhaul the health care system in the United States, one of the contentious items is the issue of the choice of one's doctor. While some critics contend that any national reform with take away the choice, the president has been quoted as saying, "If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor." In the end, neither the critics nor the president may be correct. As was outlined in *The New York Times*, if a person's employer changes the health insurance plan, one's doctor may no longer accept that insurance (See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/10/health/policy/10facts.html>). While I may want to keep my doctor, the reality of modern day health costs is that I will likely choose to go to someone else, who will accept my insurance. Any of us still has the freedom to make a choice. But since most of us are not independently wealthy, how willing would we be to incur a huge amount of debt just to keep our doctor. Choices are always conditioned, whether by past history, available resources, or personal predilection.

Which brings us to this weekend's readings: as is clear from the scriptures, we have choices about our relationship with God. In both the reading from the book of Joshua and in the gospel from John, there is a common understanding by those who choose to remain associated with God. They recognize that God has done something on their behalf.

In the case of the Hebrew people, the last chapter of the book of Joshua recounts all that the Lord had done—summarized by the people's reply: "For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed" (Joshua 24:17). They understood what God had done for them.

In John's gospel, it is the response of Simon Peter to Jesus on behalf of the Twelve: "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). They recognized that Jesus was the one who had everything they desired.

Congressional town hall meetings have been big news these last few weeks. (I don't have to cite web links here—everyone has news about local senators and representatives and the crowds that they have met with.) People have come to these meetings to testify about their concerns, about what they want to happen, and about having their voice heard.

That's all well and good about the health care debate. But maybe we Christians need a few town hall meetings of our own. Actually, we do hold them—regularly! Every Sunday we gather to express our faith. But what might happen in our church communities if we took a little time after communion to allow for some folks to testify to what God has done in their lives? Might not our faith be strengthened by hearing about the action of God among our neighbors and friends today?

What if the last announcement each Sunday invited those of us in church to tell someone this week about what good things God has done in our lives? How would we think about God, if that's what we were asked to do?

What might happen if the deacon dismissed us by saying, "The Mass is ended. Go, you are sent [which is the original Latin] to tell someone about God." Would we respond, "Thanks be to God"?

And would we make the choice during the week to act on that mission? - **Paul Michaels**

### Prayer

Gracious God, you lead your people with your outstretched arm and guide us on our pilgrim way to you. May we listen to the words of your Son and find eternal life in him. Give us the courage to speak of your wondrous love and the zeal to lead others to you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.