

Altar Society Notes

Mother's Day comes but once a year (May 10th this year). How wonderful that we set aside a day each year to honor those who brought us into this world and cared for us. But isn't this something we should be doing all year long? Did our mother's only care for us one day out of the year? We should honor our mothers each day of the year by remembering the values they instilled in us as children. So get out the cards, buy the flowers, pick up the phone and give her a call, if she is no longer with you say a special prayer for her and do something in her honor such as calling on a shut in or sending a card to someone who is alone. Mothers are always watching over us even when they are no longer here with us.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral dinner for Bishop Connolly. This was an event that one Circle could not do alone so thanks to everyone for pitching in.

Don't forget duties changed on Friday the 1st.

Funeral Dinners-Circle 9, Albs & Fonts-Circle 7, Coffee Hour (3rd, 4th and possibly 5th Sunday-Circle 10, and No Duty-Circle 6

YOU DEFINITELY HELPED US – HELP THE RACHAEL CENTER!!!

The Rachael Center now has an operating, functional kitchen to help assist young mothers and their infants that are clients of the Center. **Stop by and take a look!**

The Annual Smokin' Joe's Memorial Chili Blow-out and Silent Auction held last week tip the scales ---- the project is now done. **Thank you, thank you everyone** for attending or contributing in some way for this event. We hope you enjoyed a bowl or 2 or-3 of chili.

Thank you Parishioners!! "Pennies For Heaven"

The annual "Pennies for Heaven" collection for seminarians at Mt. Angel Seminary was presented to the Abbott of Mount Angel Seminary at last week's Knights of Columbus State Convention in Newport. This year the total amount collected by KC Councils throughout the State totaled \$40,562. A check for \$590.04 was presented from St. Francis DeSales Parish. **Thank you Parishioners!!**

"40 Cans For Lent" Nets over a Ton!!

The "40 Cans for Lent" Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was a great success; **"thanks to everyone"** for their donation. Total amount (lbs.) collected was 2,127 pounds. This means a check for \$200 from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Office will be arriving soon. The KC Supreme Office offers an extra "food assistance bonus" of \$100 for every 1000 lbs. collected. Thus your donation of canned food yielded monies for the Parish Food Bank to purchase other food items to help provide a healthy, varied menu for families and those in need.

Wanted:Media Missionary for EWTN

If you are interested in a fun, easy and informative ministry and would like to be a missionary for the Eternal Word Television Network, please call Barbara Haytas at 541-523-2638. This ministry only takes 30 minutes a month, please contact Barbara for more information.

Religious Education

This past Wednesday was our last class for RE for this Year. Preschool - 5th graders went swimming at Sam-O-Swim, 8th graders had a pizza party and left their names on a wall in the Junior Youth Group room, Senior Youth Group also had pizza and talked about their up coming retreat lock down and the 6th - 7th graders had the night off because Fr. Greiner went to Bend for Bishop Connolly's Funeral Mass.

This year has gone by so quickly, and it is my hope that the youth enjoyed their classes. This year was great because of everyone who shared their time, talent and faith with all of our youth. When you see these catechists please give them a big thank you: Jodi Flanagan, Flint Stearns, Annie Fale, Gayle Combs, Andrea Stone, Sam and Frances Raabe, Bekki Hurley, Jody Sherman, Ben and Cynthia Norton, Jill Myatt, Lisa Fuzi, Victoria Duran-Puenta, Cindy Ratterman, Catalina Corona and Gerry Colton. Also, a Big thank you to all the parents who helped with and supported our programs.

A Prayer to End the RE Year and the Start of Summer

Lord, God,

Our youth have shared many things this year. We are linked by common tasks, and time together. Those ties are broken now. We say good-bye and end our year.

Lord, bless each of our classmates and friends, especially those we will not see again.

Keep each of us in your care during the coming summer and throughout our lives. Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts until we gather again.

Amen

Rachel Center Request For May 3, 2015

As a parish, let's treat the clients at the Rachel Center on Mother's Day next week. Can you bring a sweet lotion or bath product for these young ladies next Sunday? We will have a basket in the vestibule of the church for you to add your contribution. These young ladies who have chosen life for their babies may not be remembered on Mother's Day. Please help us put together a nice gift basket for Rachel Center clients! Thanks for your help in supporting these young mothers!