

FROM FR. JOHN

A Small Kindness

Some years ago there was a new eighth grade class at the local parish school, and they were trouble! Negative and sniping, they were down on everything and everybody, most especially themselves. Nobody wanted to teach this class, until finally old Sister Ambrose volunteered.

She was a wise old nun, so she did something very simple. She gave each student a list of their classmates. "Next to each name," she said, "write down all the good things you know about that person. Don't exaggerate or make up anything. Just write the good that you see and give me your papers on Friday." And so they did.

Over the weekend, Sister read the students' comments and then typed for each one a full page of all the good things the class saw in him or her. On Monday she handed them out.

The students were astonished. "Is this me?" asked some. "I didn't think anybody noticed," said others. "Wow, I can't believe I'm this good!" said still others. And so it went.

Years later, when the class had scattered to the four winds, many of them returned for the funeral of one of the boys who had been killed in Vietnam. After the burial they were clustered around old Sister Ambrose when the dead soldier's father came along.

"Thank you, Sister, for all your help to my boy," he said. "He grew up fine, just as you hoped, and he made us very proud. Now I want to return to you something you gave him long ago in the eighth grade."

With that he pressed into her hand a yellowed piece of paper, folded very small to fit into a wallet, and falling apart now from being folded and unfolded, read and reread many times. It was the list Sister had typed for that shy boy so many years before!

Silently and tearfully each of his classmates reached into their wallet or purse and produced their own worn and yellowed sheets, that were falling apart from being folded and unfolded, read and reread many times across the years. And old Sister Ambrose, now leaning heavily on her cane, sighed and whispered a silent prayer, "Thank you,...God."



A small kindness cast its light like a beacon across many years. It pierced the darkness, and no one could put it out. May our light shine, and bring light to all we meet. And may it never grow dim. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jul 5, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Fred Augustine

(Frances Wenner)

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

+Frank Wooley

(Row Family)

Thursday, July 8, 2010

+Joseph & Jane Tursi

(The Tursi Family)

Friday, July 9, 2010

Special Intentions

(Marseille Gauthier)

Saturday, July 10, 2010

NO CONFESSION

NO MASS

Sunday, July 11, 2010

10:00AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

8:45AM-SVDP Mtg.-SR

7:00PM-Family Rosary Night

Friday, July 9, 2010

4:00PM-Homeless Outreach

Homeless Outreach: On Friday,

July 9th, we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We start preparing food at 4:00PM and serve at 6:00PM. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and Yamhill. If you are interested in volunteering contact Jan at (503) 254-2212 for more information.



Welcome to Newcomers:

Anyone who is new to St. Joseph the Worker Church or who has never officially registered is invited to stop by the Parish Center during the week (Monday thru Thursday) or call Beth at the Parish Center - 503-761-8710 and request a registration form. Once completed it can be mailed back to the Parish Center or dropped in the collection basket.

Altar Guild: We have acquired many serving dishes from food brought for funeral luncheons.



Some have names on them; Barbara B., Barb Ryan, Pat Rubich, Culley and Frances Wenner. Many have no identification on them. We have platters, bowls, plastic containers. These dishes are in the social room in a cupboard by the big TV. Please try to pick these up in the next 2 weeks. After that we will donate them to Good Will. Thank you!

July 11th Outdoor Mass and BBQ:

Come to our 10:00AM outdoor mass followed by a BBQ on Sunday, July 11th. It is surely going to be a time of Joy and celebration. Please, Please, Please, call Beth at the office and let her know how many are coming to the BBQ-we need a head count. You can reach her at the office at 503-761-8710. To make sure seating isn't a problem if you have outdoor chairs and blankets please bring them. Also, Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald (she was here before- you can Google her) will wrap up our celebration together with some great Catholic comedy. She will be on in the church at 1:00PM for about 45 minutes. She is funny so come and laugh and enjoy! **Remember, there will be no confession or 5:00PM mass scheduled for Saturday, July 10th and the 10:00AM mass on July 11th will be the only mass on that weekend at St. Joseph the Worker.**

Thank you, Father John

Camp Out Meeting:

Calling all campers! We have a camp out meeting scheduled for **Sunday July 18th at 12:00 noon** in the Social Room! It is important that all who are camping please attend for we need to go over a few things before the actual camp out. We also invite those who might be interested in coming for the day on **Saturday August 21st**. It's going to be a fun day that will include a pot luck picnic! So please mark your calendars!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 6,248.69

Over/under: — \$ 738.31

Sign Up for Vacation

Bible School: July 26-30

(M-F), 9 AM to Noon

Enrolling children ages 4 -

11 Be a **Sonforce Kids**

Secret Agent Lots of fun with music, songs, crafts,



Bible stories, games and snacks. Invite your friends and neighbors. Call Mary Robinson, (503) 761-8710 for more info.

Mother and Child Education Ctr:

Our Mothers and babies are so blessed. We thank God for St. Joseph the Worker and your faithful remembrance of Mother & Child Education Center.

We are here to help Mamas take good care of their babies. If you know any Mamas who need encouragement, baby clothes or a shoulder to lean on. Please have her call us day or night. (503) 249-5801, (503) 853-4673 Тедэфон, (503) 913-9360 Español.



CAN/BOTTLE Monthly

Recycling is "ON VACATION" until Sept. No collection in July or August.



Ride Wanted: We have 2 new parishioners who would like a ride to the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. They live on SE 135th and Market. Is there anyone willing to help, weekly, bi-weekly or even 1 time a month? Please call Becky at 503-761-8710x106.

Do You Need Food?? Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul can help. You will need to call St. Vincent de Paul's Central Office (503-235-8431). They will take your information-name, address, phone number, how many adults and how many children. The information is then faxed to us. Our volunteers deliver to homes five days a week. A volunteer will call you before they come to your home. St Vincent de Paul will also do some limited help for rent or utilities.